

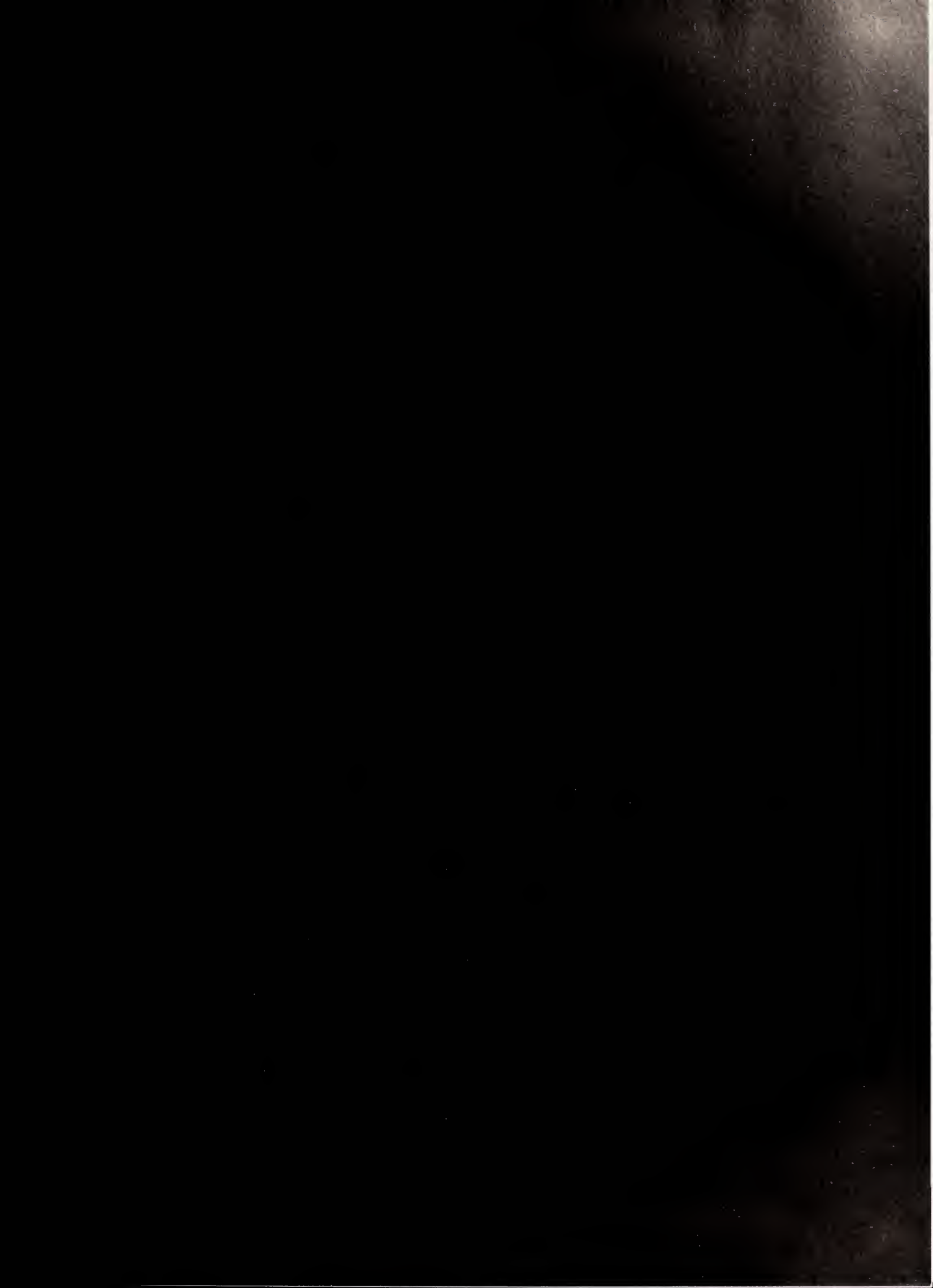


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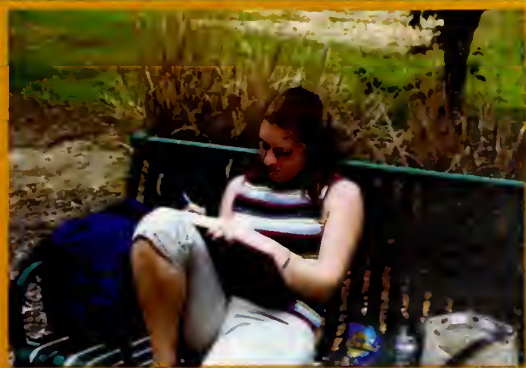
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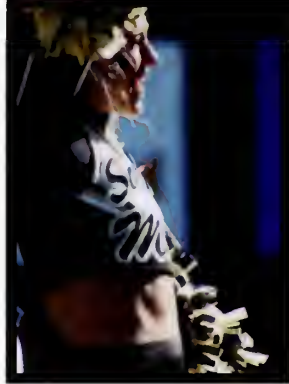


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- Mary Beth Bankson  
Student Activities Coordinator

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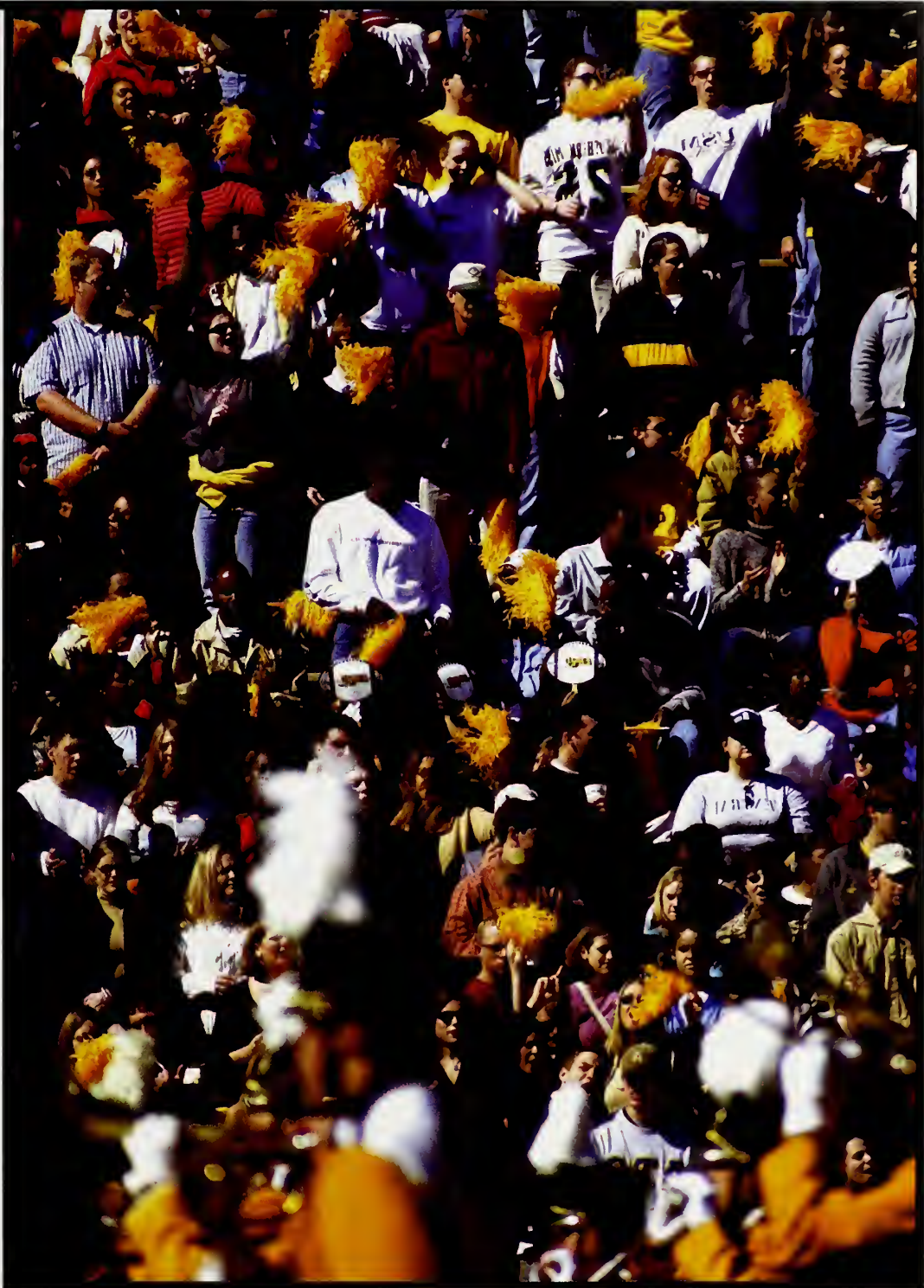


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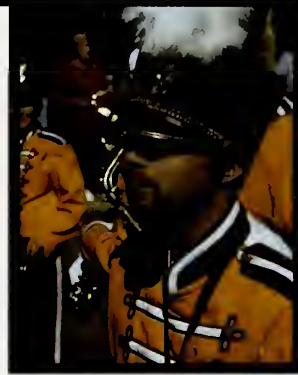
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*My favorite thing about living in the south is the food, family, southern hospitality, traditions, people and the weather.*

- Reggie Green  
Fr., Management

Southerners have a sense of *storytelling* from quips about growing up in the south to more important pieces of history... those tales are a very important part of who we are.

- Arie Wilson  
Sr., Journalism/ English

Southern people are *friendly* and lots of pretty women.

- Mansour AlJabi  
Jr., Management Information systems

The biggest thing about being from the South is having the country grocery store and your *best friend* within two miles.

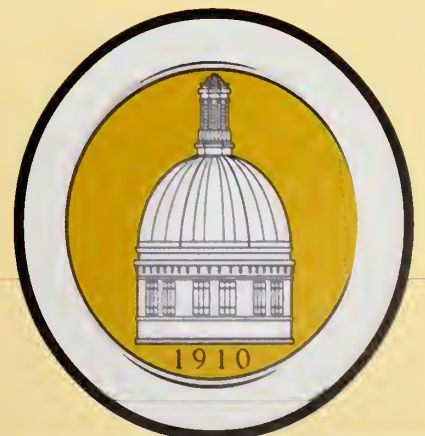
-Bree Bosarge  
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It's about family, spending time on the front porch and taking *pride* in where you are from. Everyone who is from the south considers themselves to be part of one big family linked together by the twang in their voice and their use of the word ya'll. The *drawl* of the south does not signify laziness, but the ability to take life slowly and *savor* each moment.

- Robin Ebert  
Jr., English

Southerners have their own *language*. We're the only people who can get away with saying words like ya'll, scraight and gonna.

-Shahira Ali  
Soph., Management Information Systems





# Southern STUDENT LIFE

Everyone remembers the first day of class, fighting for that cherished parking spot, walking to the Liberal Arts Building from The HUB in the blistering hot Mississippi sun and being stressed at mid-terms and finals.

So goes another year at The University of Southern Mississippi.

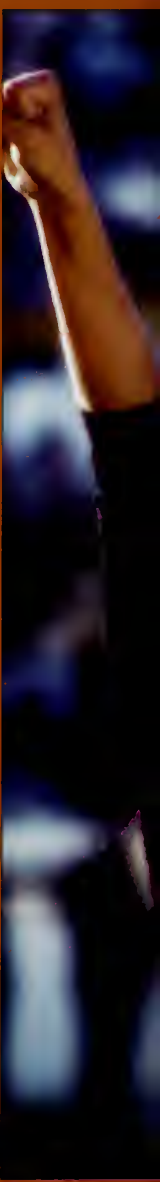
This year we saw a familiar face step in as interim president. As the university goes through the change in the president's office, we continue to fight for the reform of the Institute of Higher Learning board, who did not renew President Fleming's four- year contract.

A policy of acceptance was clear after the September 11 attacks.

"I've never been prouder to be attending USM," said Tina Ladner, 22, public relations. Whether it was at a candlelight vigil or worship service the school bonded together as the nation grieved.

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# Homecoming 2002



## It's Saturday at the Rock!

University of Southern Mississippi vs.  
University of Houston  
October 27, 2001

Left: The Golden Eagles get in position to battle the Houston Cougars. Photo by Mark Farmer  
Below: The football team enters the stadium to cheers of the crowd. Photo by Mark Farmer



By Amanda Gilbert

The Southern Miss offense erupted as the Golden Eagles defeated the Houston Cougars, 58-14. The point production was USM's best since the 59-16 win over Samford in 1994.

The offense gained a total of 469 yards. They scored on their first four possessions of the game. This onslaught began with a 65-yard scoring drive and was finished by quarterback Jeff Kelly's slant pass to freshman walk-on receiver Marvin Young. Brant Hanna kicked the extra point.

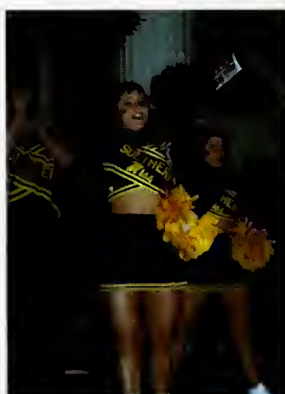
In the second half, USM kept up the pressure, scoring on their first drive. In the third quarter, Kelly connected with tight end Orlando Dantzler for a 1-yard touchdown. In the fourth quarter, the Golden Eagles scored three more touchdowns, two resulting from recovered kickoffs.

The Golden Eagles recovered a live ball at the Houston 1-yard line, and James Walley punched in for a scoring run on the next play. Curtis Jones added the extra point. Southern Miss tacked on one more touchdown in the last few minutes as Walley rushed for his second touchdown of the game.

Kelly led USM with 276 yards, four touchdowns on 20 of 32 passing, and 53 yards rushing. Dawayne Woods led with 72 yards rushing on 13 carries. LeRoy Handy had seven catches for 76 yards and a touchdown.

LeRoy Handy and Jeff Kelly were named co-offensive players of the game. Joe Henley was named the defensive player of the game. He took part in 43 plays, six tackles, one tackle-for-loss, and forced one fumble. Brant Hanna was the special teams player of the game.

"I think it was our best overall game of the season," said head football coach Jeff Bower. "We made a lot of improvement and executed well."



## "Southern Miss! To the Top!"

Above: Dixie Darlings of the past marching down Hardy Street in the Homecoming parade. Photo by Jenny Fisk

Left, above: Cheerleaders spread spirit to the crowd at Friday Night at the Fountain. Photo by Mark Farmer

Left, below: Members of the football team were present at the pep rally to get the crowd excited for Saturday's game. Photo by Mark Farmer



# Erica Shelton

## Homecoming Queen 2001-2002



By Danielle Prejean

Erica Shelton, senior speech communication major from Columbia, Miss., was crowned 2002 Homecoming Queen before a crowd of 26,000 enthusiastic fans.

She decided to run because she wanted to make her senior year memorable. "I wanted to be able to say that I was part of USM's history," she said.

Shelton was very shocked when she won because she did not think that she had a chance. "When I won, it taught me a lesson: not to be intimidated by others," she explained.

Shelton has been a resident assistant for three years. She has also been involved in UAC and Golden Girls. "I concentrate mostly on my studies, and I've been committed to being an RA," she said.

She decided to come to USM because they had so many things to offer. When Shelton graduated from high school, she was not sure of what she wanted to do. She felt that USM would be the right place for her to decide what her future career would be. She almost went to William Carey but had a great experience at Preview. "I came to Preview and loved the atmosphere and diversity at USM," Shelton said.

She attributes her success to God and her mother. She is close to God and depends on Him to direct her path, and she turns to her mother for sound advice.

She describes herself as hard-working, colorful, honest, and driven to succeed. "Anytime I set a goal, I am driven to achieve it," she said. "If you are going to do something, you should put your all into it."

Other members of Erica's court included Maria Koskan, student body maid; Nicki Case, graduate maid; Malisha Turk, senior maid; Tiffany Clemmons, junior maid; Paige Flanagan, sophomore maid; and Claudia Maya, freshman maid.

photo by Mark Farmer

*"I wanted to be able to say that I was part of USM's history."*

# Homecoming Events



## Feel the Spirit of Eagle Fever!

Left: Seymour catches a lift with two cheerleaders in the Homecoming parade. Photo by Jenny Fisk

Above: Members of Chi Omega show their school spirit. Photo by Jenny Fisk

Below: Erica Shelton, homecoming queen, gives the audience a smile and a wave at Friday Night at the Fountain. Photo by Mark Farmer



## Saturday, October 27, 2001

Above: King Kong frontman sings to the crowd at Friday Night at the Fountain. Photo by Mark Farmer

Center, top: A glimpse of the parade ending its long journey. Photo by Jenny Fisk

Center, bottom: The Homecoming Court prepares to be introduced to the crowd. Photo by Mark Farmer



# Homecoming Court

Freshman Maid

Claudia Maya

Sophomore Maid

Paige Flanagan

Junior Maid

Tiffany

Clemmons

Senior Maid

Malisha Turk

Graduate Maid

Nikki Case

Student Body Maid

Maria Koskan

*Photos by Mark Farmer  
(Malisha Turk courtesy  
of King Photography)*



# The PRIDE of the South

By Danielle Prejean

Even with the substantial budget cuts at USM this year, The Pride kept marching on.

Despite this drawback, the band continued to support the athletic department. The students are working hard and playing well, even with fewer members. "There isn't any room for anybody to slack off," said Steven Moser, Assistant Director of Bands. "I am impressed with how hard the students are working."

The Pride is continuing to recruit new members through "Band Day", which was at the second home game this year.

The Pride invited several high school students from around the South to practice and perform with them at the halftime show. "Band Day" provides the opportunity for the high school students to get acquainted with The Pride members and band directors. "We have had several good responses from students and parents," said Corey Cochran, sophomore music major.

"Band Day" is important to The Pride's rebuilding efforts. "We need to be really good," said Katy Etheridge. "This is a big recruitment thing."

The All South Marching Band and All South Honors Band also hold further recruitment in the spring. "It's always the goal: to recruit more players ... better players," said sophomore music major Allen Nobles.

Even with a damper on the band's financial status, they heightened spirits by including an interesting repertoire into the performances. At the Tulane game, The Pride put on a Queen show at which they played "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We Are the Champions," and "Crazy Little Thing Called Love".

USM's band will continue to be The Pride of Mississippi because of their dedication. "Those of us that are left have to give a little more," Kevin Malpass said. Pride Director Steven Moser continues to stress how impressed he is with the students' dedication to the band and to the university.

*Left page:* The Pride performs to the delight of the student and alumni filled crowd during a Saturday football game. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Right page (starting from the top, clockwise):*

Drum major Tyrone Stroube directs the members at an afternoon practice. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

Members of the guard at practice. (submitted by Caroline Foley)

The horn section of the Pride at practice. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

Paying close attention in practice is rewarding in Saturday performances at the Rock. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

The Pride and the Dixie Darlings entertain the crowd at the halftime show. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

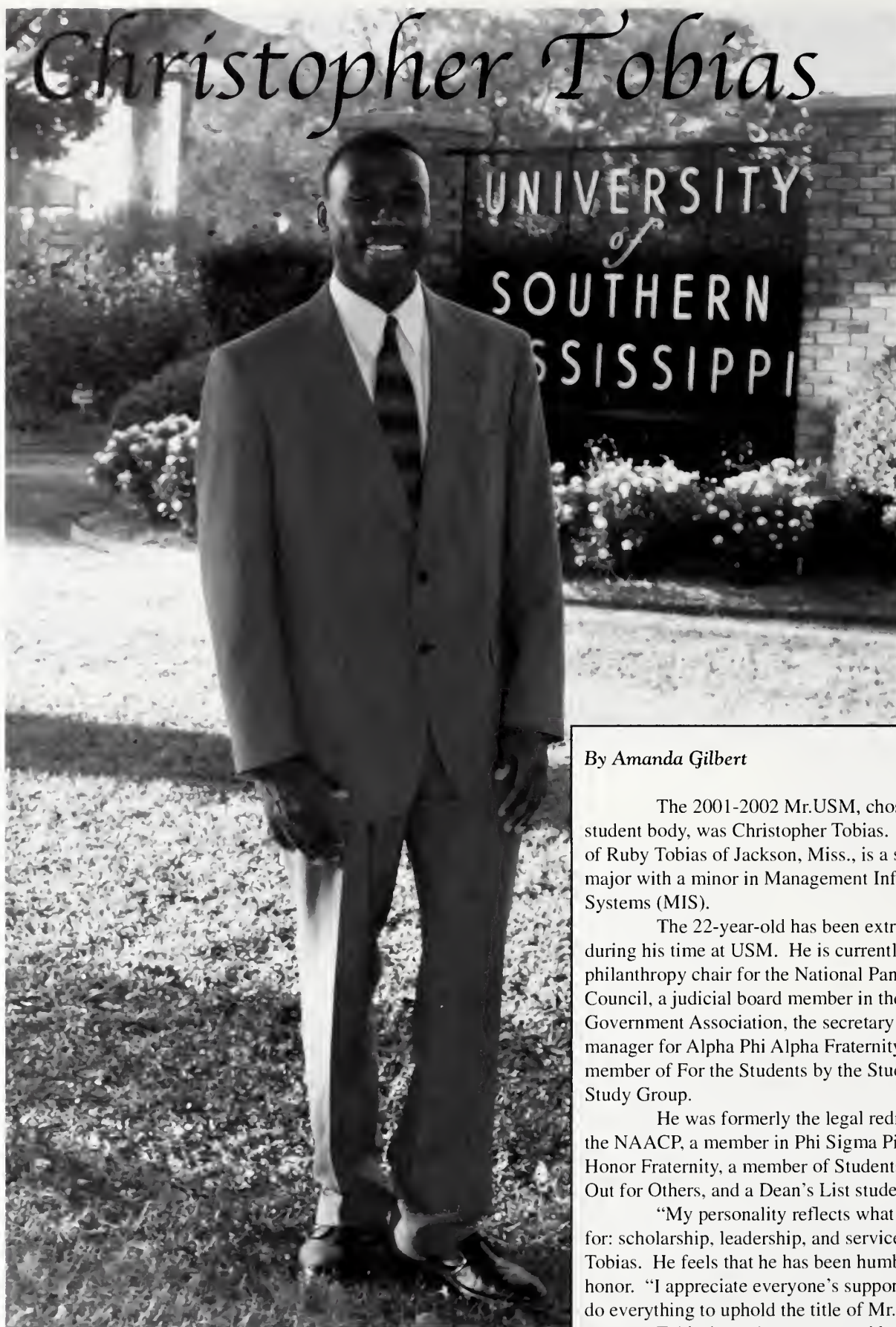
The band marches down Hardy Street in the Homecoming parade. *Photo by Mark Farmer*











*By Amanda Gilbert*

The 2001-2002 Mr.USM, chosen by the student body, was Christopher Tobias. Tobias, son of Ruby Tobias of Jackson, Miss., is a senior English major with a minor in Management Information Systems (MIS).

The 22-year-old has been extremely active during his time at USM. He is currently the philanthropy chair for the National PanHellenic Council, a judicial board member in the Student Government Association, the secretary and house manager for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and is a member of For the Students by the Students Bible Study Group.

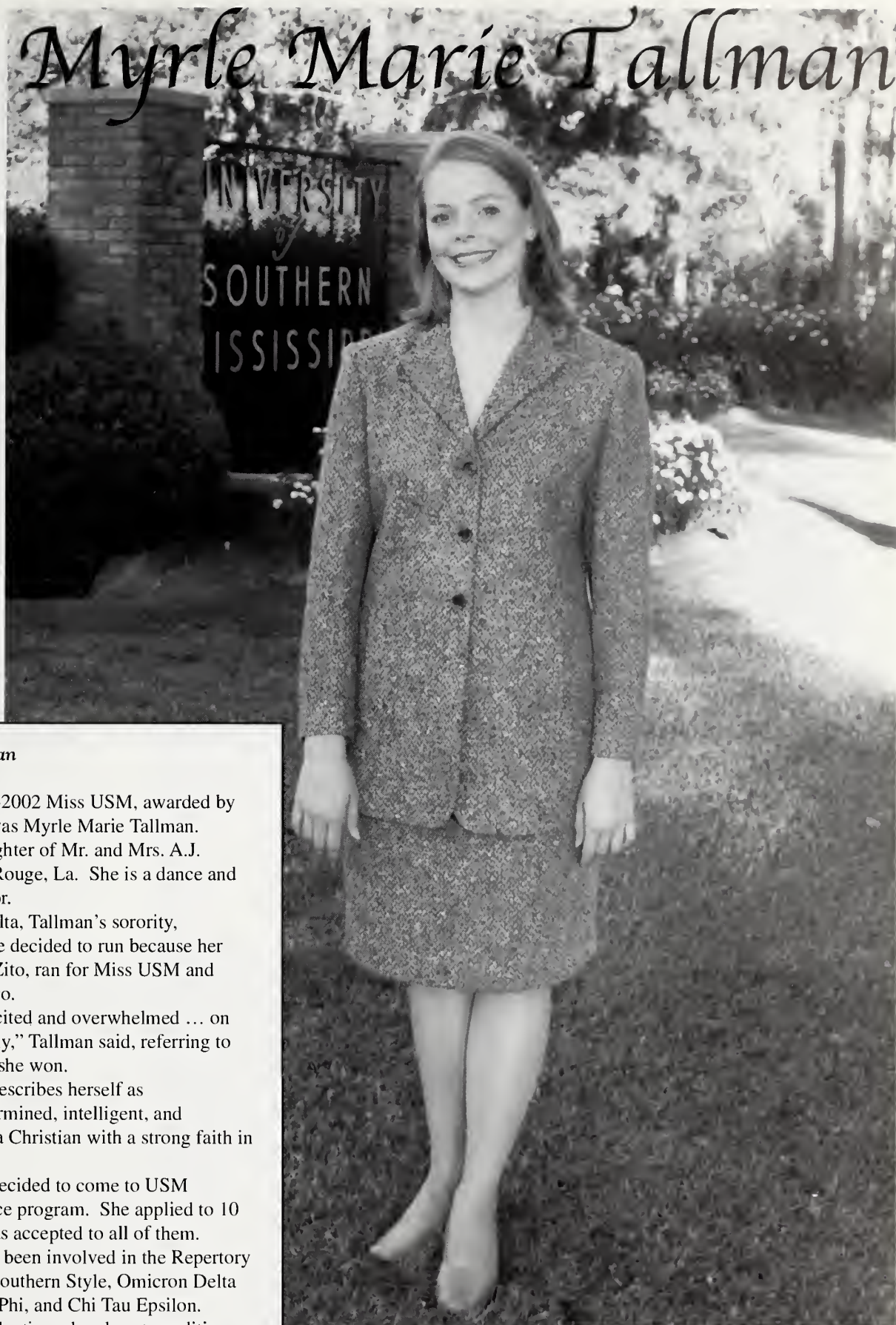
He was formerly the legal redress chair for the NAACP, a member in Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, a member of Students Looking Out for Others, and a Dean's List student.

"My personality reflects what USM stands for: scholarship, leadership, and service," said Tobias. He feels that he has been humbled by this honor. "I appreciate everyone's support ... and I will do everything to uphold the title of Mr. USM."

Tobias's goals are to attend law school, become a corporate and juvenile lawyer, and someday be the United States Attorney General. He also aspires to be National President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.



## Myrle Marie Tallman



*By Danielle Prejean*

The 2001-2002 Miss USM, awarded by the student body, was Myrle Marie Tallman. Tallman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Tallman of Baton Rouge, La. She is a dance and choreography major.

Kappa Delta, Tallman's sorority, nominated her. She decided to run because her mentor, Courtney Zito, ran for Miss USM and won a few years ago.

"I was excited and overwhelmed ... on cloud nine, basically," Tallman said, referring to how she felt when she won.

Tallman describes herself as approachable, determined, intelligent, and optimistic. She is a Christian with a strong faith in God.

Tallman decided to come to USM because of the dance program. She applied to 10 universities and was accepted to all of them.

Myrle has been involved in the Repertory Dance Company, Southern Style, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Chi Tau Epsilon.

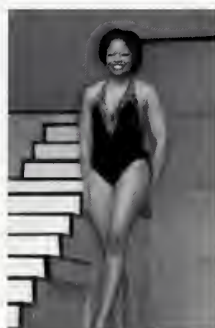
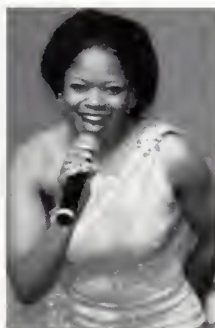
Upon graduation, she plans to audition for different dance companies and apply to graduate school in Arts Administration. Her dream is to dance for Hubbard Street Dance Company in Chicago. She also plans to audition for Liz Lerman Dance Exchange in Washington, D.C. Myrle attributes her successes to God, family, and friends.

*Photos by King Photography*



# Miss Southern 2002

## Sheladia Kidd



*By Amanda Gilbert*

Sheladia Kidd of Hattiesburg was crowned Miss Southern 2002 at USM's annual pageant. Kidd, a 22-year-old senior speech communication major, will represent USM at the Miss Mississippi pageant this summer. The Miss Southern Pageant is a preliminary step to the Miss America competition. Kidd, who will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, won the talent portion of the pageant with her vocal rendition of "A Natural Woman." She also claimed the Spirit of Miss Southern Award.

"There were ten really outstanding people," said President Aubrey K. Lucas. "Our Miss Southern will be very competitive in the Miss Mississippi pageant."

Crystal Carr, a 21-year-old elementary education major from Buckatunna, was named first alternate. She also won the Directors Award, the Physical Fitness Award, and the evening gown competition.

The second alternate was Natasha Casely-Hayford, a 19-year-old dance and choreography major from West Point. She also won awards for ad sales and the highest grade point average.

The third alternate was Kara Primes, a 20-year-old pre-med junior from Poplarville.

Breanne Blackwell, a 22-year-old child life senior from Hattiesburg, was the fourth alternate.



# Highlights of the Night



*Left:* Sheladia Kidd is Miss Southern 2002 *Photo by King Photography*

*Bottom left corner:* Kidd wows the crowd as she sings "Natural Woman". *Photo by Narasi R.*

*Bottom right corner:* Kidd in the bathing suit competition. *Photo by Narasi R.*

*(clockwise from the top)*

*Above:* Melissa Rimes singing "If I Loved You". *Photo by King Photography*

*Upper right:* Natasha Casely-Hayford performs in the talent competition. *Photo by King Photography*

*Bottom right:* Jennifer Adcock, Miss Southern 2001, crowns Shea Kidd. *Photo by Narasi R.*

*Below:* First runner-up Crystal Carr after her performance of "Malaguena". *Photo by King Photography*



# Home, Sweet Home



(pictures beginning starting from above, counterclockwise)

The new men and women's dorm was completed just in time for the fall semester. Upperclassmen with the right grades have the luxury of a spacious room with a private

Ashley Younger reclines in her room after another day of classes. *Photo by Jenny Fisk*

Ally Holman catches a few zzz's in the comfort of her bottom bunk. *Photo by Jenny Fisk*

Tisha Bragg passes the time by playing video games, a common activity among college students. *Photo by Jenny Fisk*

Dana Berry freshens up before she heads out to class. *Photo by Jenny Fisk*

New dorm residents can take advantage of the spacious rooms. *Photo by Mareeta Allen*





# Dorm Life

By Danielle Prejean

To live in a dorm means to take the bad with the good. There may be community bathrooms and too many fire drills and regulations, but there are also potential friends living right next-door.

"I like living in the dorms because you can be friends with the people that live on your floor," Sonya Roncali, sophomore accounting major said. "The RA's try to help us get to know each other better through floor meetings and programs."

Students that live on campus have people readily available to help with homework, relationship problems and general stress. They also have better access to their classes, the faculty, and offices on campus, such as financial aid.

Dorm residents share a common ground and have more of an idea of the things that happen on campus. It is harder for on-campus students to keep from joining campus organizations and attending pep rallies because the activities are so close. Also, they have friends to encourage them to attend events.

This year USM opened the new men and women's dorm on campus. For almost the entire first year it remained nameless, but the Student Government Association finally named the dorm Oseola McCarty Hall.

Oseola McCarty spent her life washing and ironing other people's clothes. She then donated her life's savings to USM so that African-American students would have the financial means to attend college. The new dorm was named in honor of her generosity to the university.

The Student Government Association and the Residence Hall Association passed resolutions to name the dorm after McCarty and submitted it to President Aubrey Lucas. NPHC sent a letter of support and a petition to Dr. Lucas. Dr. Lucas then placed the naming of the dorm on the College Board agenda for January.



Photo by Mareeta Allen



## Residence Halls

Bond Hall

Elam Arms

Hattiesburg Hall

Roberts Hall

Vann Hall

Bolton Hall

Oseola McCarty Hall

Hickman Hall

Hillcrest

Jones Hall

Mississippi Hall

Pulley Hall

Scott Hall

Wilbur (Panhellenic)



# Day In, Day Out



## *Campus Life at USM*







### Left page:

**Top:** Students passing the library coming from and going to class. *Photo by Sara Moxley*

**Bottom:** Allie Walker and James Cogan study together in the library. Many students opt for the tranquility of the study room instead of the sometimes noisy dorms. *Photo by Jenny Fisk*

### Right page:

**Bottom:** Jamal Jones talks to friends outside of the Hub, a popular place for students to mingle with others. *Photo by Sara Moxley*

**Right:** When the Commons is closed, Seymours is the next best thing. Located in the Union, students can enjoy meals ranging from cold subs to pasta. Organizations such as UAC and SPEED sometimes host karaoke night and gameshows in Seymours for students to participate in. *Photo by Catina Evans*

## By Amanda Gilbert

The trials and tribulations of college students can push some to great heights and others over the edge. It is essential for any student to find a balance between work and fun. This happens during a time when one matures and is finding out who he or she is. A Southern Miss student is no different. To find that balance between studies, work, and extracurricular activities takes practice, patience and knowledge.

Emily Smith, a senior marine biology major, makes plans that she tries to stick with as much as possible.

"I have a planner, which every college student should have, and try to make a list for each day," said Smith. "What I don't get done one day goes to the next day until it is done."

Smith works at the Printing Center as the file and business cards clerk and is an active member of the Baptist Student Union, the Student Advisory Board for Safety, and is an officer in the Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity.

"I try to get with my friends once a week," said Smith. Sometimes we go out to bars, and sometimes we stay at an apartment. It is very important to not forget the college experience while you're still in it."

Craig Thomas, a senior music and Spanish major, gave up the security of family and friends to come to Southern Miss. He is from Dickson, Tenn., which is a 10-hour drive from Hattiesburg. He also tries to find a balance between the array of priorities for a college student. Thomas has been on the President's List every semester of his college career. He strives to make his academics a priority while maintaining a full-time job as the overnight accounting officer associate at Wal-Mart.

"School is very important to me, and in this day and time you have to be the best you can be," said Thomas.

Thomas remains active on campus. He is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon Professional Music Fraternity, the USM Wind Ensemble, and the Winter Guard International. He says that sometimes he does not sleep for days because of his hectic schedule.

"I miss having a life," said Thomas. "I miss the freedom of being spontaneous of my time."

Thomas' and Smith's experiences reflect the atmosphere of the campus life of a college student. Academic discipline and socializing with other students can make the balancing act a bit easier.

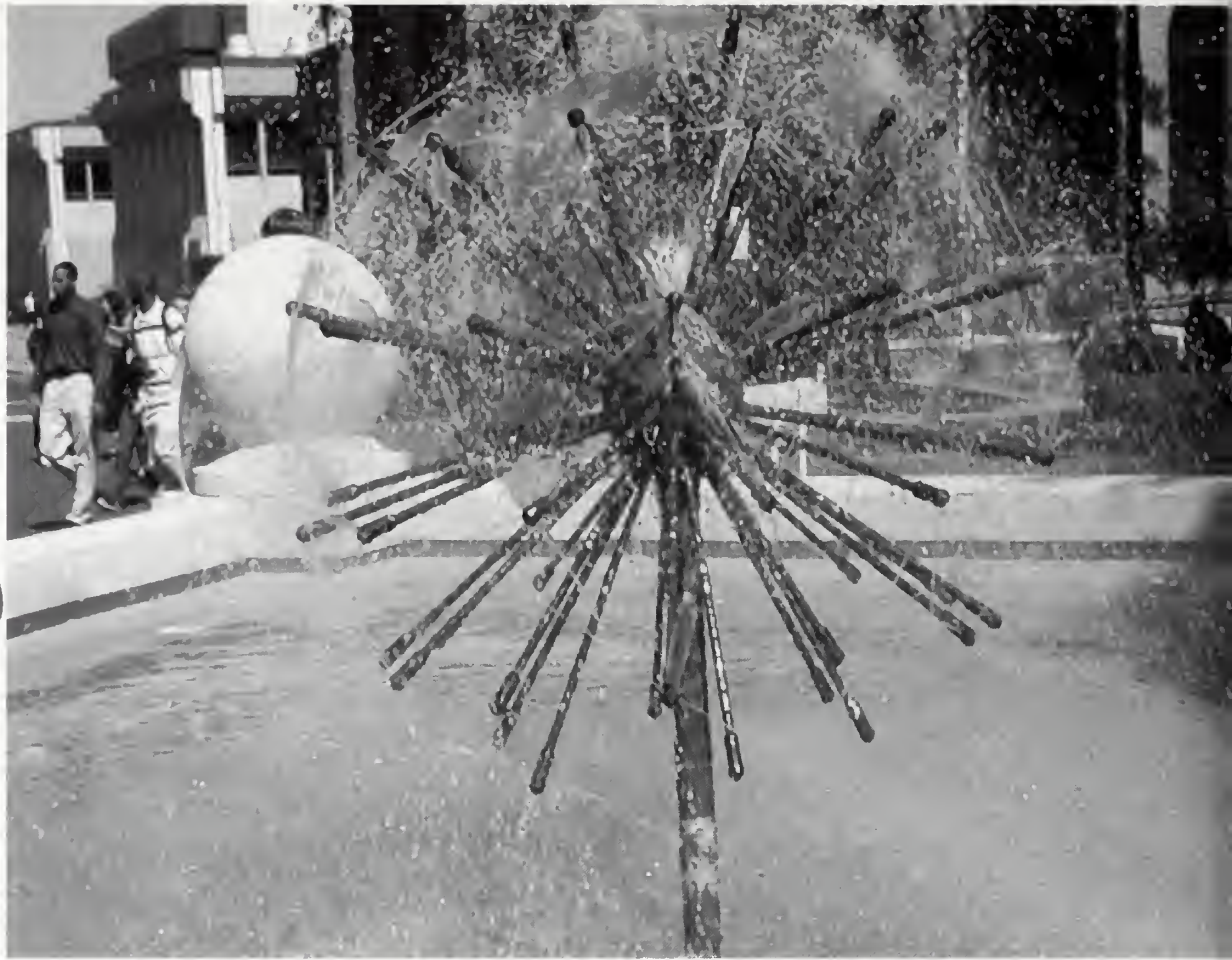
"Do not go home every weekend," said Smith. "It is vital to leave the security blanket at home and make college the best time of your life."

"I think the most important advice I could give to anyone is to remember who you are and not give up on yourself," said Thomas.





# The Melting Pot



By Amanda Gilbert

The world is a bigger place than anyone can imagine. Each part of it is unique in its own way. The only way to discover the uniqueness is to experience all the world has to offer.

At the University of Southern Mississippi, men and women from around the globe study here to gain insight into the English language and American culture. They leave behind all they know to have the American experience.

Currently, USM has students from over 30 countries on its campus trying to perfect their English skills and maybe a degree along the way. These students are on the outside looking in.

"The biggest hurdle for me is understanding English slang," said Daisuke Miyagi, of Nagoya, Japan. "If I can't understand them, they can't understand me."

Fortunately, the American experience is positive for most of the students.

"The climate of Mississippi is nice and the instruction from the professors is good," stated Antonio Orozco of Columbia. "The cultures of the various people here is very nice."

"I came here because it is safe," said Bertha Chen of Taiwan. "Taiwan is my home but I'm glad I study here."

However, there are things they had back home that they wish were ingrained in American culture.

"American food," said Orozco. "Not good."

"There are many differences between Japanese culture and American culture," said Miyagi. "But the one for me is in Japan. There are usually big baths to clean in but here in the dormitories there is only a small shower."

Many of the international students complete their studies and go back to their respective countries but some are enchanted with the land of opportunity and wish to study at American colleges and universities.

"I'm finishing my degree here and going back to Kuwait," said Eisa Alwatri.

"After ELI, I may apply to an American school and then go back to Taiwan when I'm finished," said Chen.

The cultural diversity of this campus extends to all races and religions. In this academic atmosphere, USM has been able to achieve the sort of peace that some international students cherish.

"The best part of USM is I can talk with many people from many countries," said Miyagi. "There are so many problems between countries but here we stick together and create friendship that would never exist because of these problems back home."



# Diversity at Southern Miss



*Left and above:* Certain places on campus are notorious for students to mingle during the lunch hour, especially Shoemaker Plaza. Here, anyone walking through can see the many types of students that attend USM. *Photos by Mark Farmer*

*Below left:* International students taking classes in the English Language Institute (ELI). *Photo by Sara Moxley*

*Below center:* Jaizuly Verrus from Honduras studies with Arlys Sivla from Columbia. *Photo by Sara Moxley*

*Bottom corner:* Daniel Rios from Venezuela studies outside of the ELI. *Photo by Sara Moxley*



*“It’s a Bird...”*



*Seymour Revealed*



## By Danielle Prejean

From the yellow jacket to General Nat, USM's mascot has undergone several drastic changes over the years. The newest development is that Seymour, our current mascot, placed 7th in the National Mascot Championships this year.

USM's first unofficial mascot was the yellow jacket, so named because of the black and gold stripes on the school's athletic uniforms, according to Yvonne Arnold, USM archives. The yellow jacket was named in the 1930s when USM was called the State Teachers College.

In 1940, USM's name changed again to Mississippi Southern College. The mascot was then changed to the Southerners. In 1953, the Southerner was given a name. General Nat became the new mascot, named after General Nathan Bedford Forrest, who was instrumental in the Civil War. General Nat rode a horse that was called Son of Dixie.

As time progressed, USM did not feel that the Southerners reflected the image that the school wanted to portray. General Nat had also become a political liability.

In 1972, the Alumni Association held a contest to pick a new mascot for USM. Over 80 names were suggested, but the Alumni Association narrowed the group to five. USM students and faculty then had to decide if they wanted to be called the Timber Wolves, the Warlords, the Raiders, the Golden Eagles or remain the Southerners. The Golden Eagles won by a good margin, and USM announced the new name at the homecoming game in 1972.

USM got an eagle mascot in 1973, and the 1973-74 school year was declared "The Year of the Golden Eagle." The Golden Eagle mascot remained nameless until 1989.

After eight years as the Golden Eagles, USM President Aubrey Lucas decided that USM needed a live mascot. USM obtained a real eagle and named it "Nugget" in 1981. The eagle lived in an aviary next to the Speech and Hearing Building.

In 1986, the original "Nugget" died and was replaced with "Nugget 2." "Nugget 2" died in 1993 and was never replaced.

In 1989, the Alumni Association commissioned Clara Hendrick to create Seymour. When finished, Hendrick said that the costume had turned out "exactly as I had envisioned ... a young, bouncy, lovable huggy of an eagle." The new costume cost \$2,500 and made its debut at the USM-Mississippi State football game.

The name Seymour originated from the World's Fair held in New Orleans in 1984. At the World's Fair, there was a pelican named "Seymour d' Fair." USM later decided to officially name their mascot "Seymour d' Campus."

In 1993, a new costume was created for Seymour. The old costume was too hot and sent Steve Parten, one of the former mascots, to the hospital due to overheating. After the hospital visit, he said that he would continue to be USM's mascot "unless it kills me."

Seymour began to compete in the National Mascot Championships in 1999. USM placed 21st in 1999 and 10th in 2001. This year, Jamie Arrington, a senior radio, television and film major placed 7th at the competition.

In order to qualify, he had to submit a tape of his performance to be judged on crowd involvement, community service and several other categories, including overall performance.

Arrington was invited to the championship held in Orlando, Fla. At the competition, he had to perform a 1-1/2 minute skit that would be judged in the same categories as the taped submission. Both scores were combined to produce the overall ranking.

"When you don't win, you can always think of things you could have done better, but given the circumstances we did pretty well," Arrington said when asked how he felt about his ranking in the competition.

Before the competition, Arrington had been out of the suit for three weeks because of knee surgery. He had a torn meniscus that needed repairing.

Arrington will handpick his replacement as Seymour. He says that he has been getting calls from all over the state from people that want to be the new Seymour. He wants to make sure that the new Seymour is familiar with the mascot's character.

"I'm just glad that we laid the foundation for future champs," Arrington said. The other two students that wear the Seymour costume are John Mills and Amonde Younger. Mills will be returning to lead the new Seymour to a National Mascot Championship.



### The Story of Seyless

USM's old Seymour costume that was retired in 1988 became the first arch-nemesis, otherwise known as Seyless, in the year 2000.

When the costume was retired, it was placed in an old athletic bag, put in the corner of a building and ignored, according to Jamie Arrington, current mascot. The building was eventually torn down and the Seymour costume was thrown away. A USM alumnus saved it for twelve years. After fixing up the costume, he donated it to USM.

Seyless' character appears sporadically at football games to try to regain the title of the USM mascot. In his first appearance at a pep rally, he and Seymour had a mock fight where he bashed Seymour in the face with metal pan knocking him to the ground.

The next day at the football game, Seyless was defeated in his battle with Seymour for the Gold Rush suggest.

Despite Seyless' attempts to destroy Seymour, Seymour still remains "the most electrifying mascot in college sports today," said Arrington. This battle for the position of the USM mascot has been titled "The War for the Black and Gold".



Photos by Mark Farmer



# UAC Lets the Good Times Roll

**Below and right:** In honor of Black History Month, UAC hosted "The Meeting", a fictional encounter between Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Photos by Jenny Fisk

**Below right:** Kat Hadlow and Roderick Gilbert participating in Gamefest. Photo by Sara Moxley

**Center:** Sabir Abdul-Haqq adjusts film reels at Seymour's Cinema, USM's campus theater. Photo by Sara Moxley

**Bottom:** Students show off their talents in UAC's Karoke Night. Photo by Sara Moxley



By Amanda Gilbert

The University Activities Council is a student organization and university department responsible for programming events for the campus and the community. With Mary Beth Bankston as the advisor, UAC consists of 55 members and officers. The purpose of the council is to supplement the college experience with a plethora of programming that encompasses both entertaining and educational events.

UAC provides innovative entertainment that consists of comedians, current films, lectures, community service events, Union programming and cultural education. They provide the university community with the most diverse and highest quality entertainment.

"We strive to make things exciting," said Brant Ryan, president of UAC. "I got involved because they did such a diverse group of programming and were involved with other groups on campus."

UAC's biggest events during the school year include monthly movie showings at Seymour's Cinema, Black Comedy Tour, and the end-of-the-year crawfish fest.

"I enjoy going to their events because they are so well thought out," said April Dance, freshman biology major.

"You get out of UAC whatever you put into it. Everyone works so hard. It's a group of people with different backgrounds that get together and have a good time," said Ryan.





# Intramurals: Everybody is Welcome



**Left and below:** Students participated in a master kickboxing class held by Katalin Vaminar at the Payne Center on February 21.

**Below left:** A scene from the Super Shootout contest held on February 21.

**Below center:** Students go head to head in intramural soccer.

**Bottom:** This students swings for victory in a game of whiffle ball.

*All photos by Mark Farmer*



**By Danielle Prejean**

"Intramurals are for students like those who played high school sports and want stay active even though they didn't quite make the college team," said Justin Jackson, recreational Sports Coordinator.

The purpose of intramurals is for friends to play with each other against people with common interests. The program is designed to match equally skilled organizations in the various sports. For this reason there are seven different divisions: fraternity, em's residence, men's independent, sorority, women's residence, women's independent, and co- recreation.

This year recreational sports added a new sport. The NCAA basketball tournament was held during the weekend of March 8 and students could get online and try to pick the team that they thought would win each game. The student who judged the winners most accurately won an Intramural Champion t-shirt.

If this new competition is successful, recreational Sports might start "fantasy leagues" next year. Students will pick a favorite player in a sport and will receive points when their player does will.

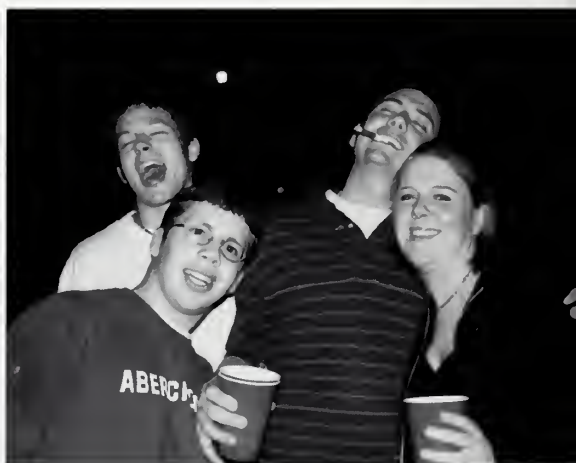
"This type of intramural sport is for those who may not like to play sports, but like to watch them," said Jackson. "It's another way to get people involved."

The most popular intramural sports are lag football, basketball, and softball. The reason for the popularity of these sports is that they are major professional sports and are the most popular in high school, according to Jackson.



# It's Friday Night

*The Nightlife at USM*





By Danielle Prejean

The nightlife in Hattiesburg is as diverse as the students who attend USM. From Coconuts to Ropers, there is something for just about everyone.

"I enjoy the nightlife because it gives me the chance to meet and interact with my fellow classmates and students from the surrounding area," sophomore banking and finance/ MIS major Cario Armstrong said.

The main purpose of going out is to meet people and socialize with friends, but music and atmosphere are also important. To see a band play, students most often go to clubs like Mojo's, Mugshots or The Thirsty Hippo.

Mojo's is a dance-oriented club frequented by the Greeks and other students on Wednesday and Thursday nights. This club has hosted well known artists such as Afro Man and U.S.

Mugshots has a more laid-back atmosphere with plenty of pool tables and swings on which to sit. They have hosted bands such as Small Room Nine and King Konga. The most popular nights to go to Mugshots are Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The Thirsty Hippo is for students who are over 21 years of age. They have hosted bands like Cookout and Dollar Book Freud, and they also hold poetry readings.

The club Coconuts is not known for hosting bands but has a unique atmosphere. Before 9 p.m. students can go to Coconuts, pay a cover and enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet. It has a beach atmosphere and plays '80s music. There are also many tables at Coconuts, which make the environment more conducive to socializing.



#### Left page

Top: Club-goers dancing the night away. Photo by Heather Anderson

Bottom left: If you want to party, you have to pay. Photo by Heather Anderson

Bottom right: Students enjoy themselves on Frat Row. Photo by Evelyn McMillan

#### This page:

Top left and right: Elizabeth Weldon and Jennifer Sutherland make sure their hair is in place before going out. Photos by Jenny Fisk

Bottom: Students at the ΔΤΔ party stop for a quick picture. Frat Row is notorious for their Thursday night parties. Photo by Evelyn McMillan



Students go to Slick Rick's to play pool and to Ropers to dance to rockin' country music. "I like going out to Ropers because I can learn all of the popular line dances," said Leslie Jeffcaot, a sophomore biology major.

Many of the African-American fraternities and sororities have parties at the High Hat or the Brick House. After step-shows, the attendees continue the party and the step-show at one of these two clubs.

Besides clubs, another popular place to go out is Fraternity Row. Fraternities often have theme nights such as Phi Kappa Tau's Studio 54 event and Delta Tau Delta's '80s night. This year Alpha Tau Omega had a special party titled "Gator Fest." They decorated their house like a swamp complete with stage, pool and fake alligators.

The row is especially popular during spring party week when there is a bus furnished to drive girls from Panhellenic to the fraternity houses.

Other nightspots attended by students are the Odyssey, Mahogany Bar and Señor Frogs. Also for the students who do not like to go out, there are always the movies, visiting friends and playing card games.

Many students find that participating in the nightlife takes their minds off the stress of attending school. "Going out is a stress reliever because I love to dance and meet strangers," said Josh Martin, senior theater and dance major.





*Photo by Sara Moxley*



# Student

## Testimony of LaQuisha Burks

By Davia Lassiter

Although USM has students from all over the United States and the world, there is a common bond between us all – being Southern. North or south, east or west, Africa or Asia: no matter where you may come from, we are all at home at USM.

LaQuisha Burks is one student that can testify to this. Hailing from Jackson, MS, Burks agrees the main link between all students is being Southern, which she described as “[Being focused] on a certain aspect about Southern culture which, to me, centers around the histories and stories of the southern people.”

This southern student has pride in her heritage and as a student at Southern Miss. “I am very proud to represent Southern Miss because I think it’s an excellent school. The programs that I am in are very well represented by many different people on campus.”

“I love my heritage. I like the fact that I’m from the south

and I’d like to change the way people perceive the south.”

Burks feels

southern life is perceived as ignorant, dumb, and slow.

Burks intends to change this perception. When asked how, she responded, “By going out and being successful as possible and showing others where I’m from. That’s why I’m proud to be from the south because I am not what they think I am.”

A psychology and speech language pathology double major (along with a sociology minor), Burks is heavily involved in campus organizations. A Scott Hall Resident Assistant; newly inducted McNair Scholar; P.A.C.E.R.S. secretary and

Sexual Responsibility student health educator; Gamma Beta Phi president; MS Reading Program tutor; and a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta

Honor Societies are all positions and activities that Burks has earned and represented.

Besides classes, Burks’ day involves meetings with professors, mentors, and groups, and then studying in the evening. Burks said she is driven by prayer and family, “knowing that one day I can give back to my parents what they’ve given me.”

Burks said being at USM has taught her life lessons. She advises to keep a goal in mind because sometimes it gets really hard.” She says she has learned to be patient.

Advice taken is often the best followed. Burks advises students to “find something you enjoy and run with it.” She has followed this advice while at USM.

Burks’ potential date of graduation is December of 2003. Her plans are to go to grad school. She has not made a decision as to which school. She said the the thing she is most looking forward to pre-graduation is “the last final I ever have to take as an undergrad.”

With Burks’ southern upbringing and personality, she is sure to go far in life.

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# Southern ACADEMICS

As the University continues to expand, so does the curriculum. With four campuses in the state, Long Beach, Stennis Space Center, Hattiesburg and the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, USM offers classes for students with or without majors.

“SOAR makes it easier for teachers to get students their grades more efficiently.”

-Dr. Paula Smithka  
Asst. Professor of  
Philosophy

This year The Honors Forum featured Dr. Randall Harber's lecture on the role of CNN, Victoria Bynum's lecture on the free state of Jones County and Barry Scheck's lecture "DNA Evidence: The Innocence Project."

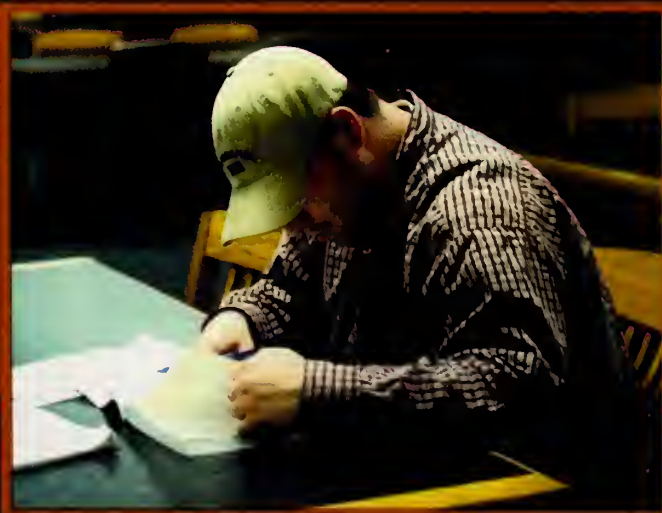
This year was also a first for the new registration system. Students no longer registered over the phone with the STARS telephone system but were now registering with the new online system SOAR.

"SOAR makes it easier for teachers to get students their grades more efficiently," said Assistant Professor of Philosophy Dr. Paula Smithka.

Overall, academics has enjoyed a successful year with the new programs implemented to move USM to the future.







# Southern Miss

# Hall of Fame

## Southern scholars on the road to Excellence

The South also provides the right ambience that fosters rich education. Every year, students are recognized for their excellent performance in academics, extracurricular activities and community service at the university. Amidst fierce competition, these students have made it to the Hall of Fame. Congratulations to the newly inducted scholars, and we welcome you all to the Hall of Fame.

### Sheladia Kidd

Sheladia Kidd is a speech communication major from Hattiesburg, Miss. Sheladia is the daughter of Jackie and Sonyia Kidd. Sheladia participates in various organizations including the Election Commission, Miss Southern Committee, and Homecoming Committee with the Student Government Association. Sheladia has also been actively involved with The Legacy, Residence Life Association, USM Symphony, Speech Communication Association, American Marketing Association, Southern Miss Christian Fellowship, and the African American Student Organization. Sheladia has also been recognized for her academic performance and has been received several awards including USM Leadership Scholar, African American Student Organization Academic Achievement Award, Eagle Connection Member of the Year, Dean's list. She has also been titled Miss Ebony 2000, Miss Hattiesburg 2001, Miss Southern Director's award, and Miss Southern First Runner-Up 2001. Sheladia plans to be the Chief Executive Officer of a pharmaceutical company in future.



### Brandye Alyssa Lamas

Brandye Alyssa Lamas, is a speech communication major from Biloxi, Miss. Brandye is the daughter of Gary Joseph Lamas. Brandye has held several leadership positions at USM. She has been active with Kappa Delta Sorority as vice-president, Chapter Excellence Chair, and Leadership Committee. She has also served as Southern Style facilitator, Premiere Director, Public Relations Chair and College of Liberal Arts Senator with the Student Government Association. Brandye has been listed on the President's list for six semesters and has also been listed on the national Dean's list. She has been awarded the Lambda Sigma National Scholarship, Reed and Gloria Pennington National Journalism Scholarship, the Outstanding Freshman Female Award, and the All-American Scholar Collegiate Award. Brandye plans on pursuing a career in Human Resources and Work Force Training Development.



### Angela Jean Patterson

Angela Jean Patterson is a journalism major from Lubbock, Texas. Angela is the daughter of Jana Crooks. Angela participates in various organizations at the university. She has been actively involved with the Student Government Association as president, vice president of Freshman Associates, and Associate Director for Student Relations- residence halls. Angela has also been the Public Relations Chair of Golden Key International Honor Society, president of Delta Sigma Theta, Project Leader of VISION, Public Relations co-chair of Students Looking Out for Others, and president Lambda Sigma Honor Society. Angela's other achievements include the McNair Scholars Research Program, Omega Psi Phi Citizen of the Year, and the African American Scholarship. Angela has been listed on the President's and Dean's list, and conferred the Outstanding Freshman Female, Outstanding Freshman Leadership Award - African American Student Organization, Outstanding Freshman Associate Student Government Association, and Leadership Scholarship recipient. Angela's career goal is to own a publication company and to teach at a university.







## *Brant James Ryan*

Brant James Ryan is a speech communication major from Hattiesburg, Miss. Brant is the son of Tim and Jeannie Ryan. Brant has been associated with the University Activities Council as president, and variety chairman. Brant has also been on the Leadership Series Committee, Catholic Student Association Leadership Board, vice president of Omicron Delta Kappa, and vice president of Speech Communication. Brant has also been actively involved with the Friday Afternoon Concert Series Committee and the Golden Key Honor Society. Brant has been recognized for his academic excellence by being on the President's and Dean's list and being named All-American Collegiate Scholar as well as a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society. Brant has also had the opportunity to serve as the Student Representative for the Southeast Region of National Association of Campus Activities and has been named for four delegations sent to the NACA conference. Brant plans on translating his Southern Miss experiences to his career goal and plans on pursuing a career in Student Affairs Administration.



## *Catherine Myrle-Marie Tallman*

Catherine Myrle-Marie Tallman is a dance performance and choreography major from Baton Rouge La. Myrle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tallman Jr. Myrle has held several key positions with the Student Government Association, which include Freshman Associates Secretary and co-director of Miss Southern Pageant. Myrle's dedication to the field of dance has been demonstrated through her active participation as choreographer of Miss Southern Pageant, USM Repertory Dance Company, and Dance Student Advisory Committee. Myrle has been recognized for her academic excellence by being Outstanding Freshman Female, Miss USM 2001, Outstanding Rho Chi recruitment counselor, University Activities Council Outstanding Campus Leadership Award, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She has also been listed on the President's and Dean's list, conferred with the Fred A. Waits Endowed Scholarship, Weezie Ory Myers Dance Scholarship, Garland Sullivan Endowed Scholarship, and Merit and Academic Scholarships. Myrle plans to translate her academic experience at USM to further her career goal and be a professional dancer. She also plans to get her masters in Arts Administration and become an arts advocate.



## *Lindsey Klein Theobald*

Lindsey Klein Theobald is an English and film major from Vicksburg, Miss. Lindsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernadette Vedros. Lindsey has been actively involved with various organizations and held several leadership positions. Her key affiliations are with the Lambda Sigma as vice president, Student Government Association as Freshman Associates Historian, Assistant Director of Campus Safety, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Director of Miss Southern. Lindsey has also served the University Activities Council as special projects vice chair, Eagle Excellence and Eagle Connection, the Student Alumni Association, and Catholic Student Association. Lindsey has been honored with several academic recognitions which include the Most Outstanding Freshman Female, Golden Key National Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and Lambda Sigma Honor Society. Lindsey plans to write screenplays and direct films in her future.



## *Ashley Christen Tullos*

Ashley Christen Tullos is a business administration major from Hattiesburg, Miss. Ashley is the daughter of Mark and Sherry Tullos. Ashley is actively involved with the Student Government Association as Freshman Associate Director of Public Relations, and Executive Cabinet Director of Campus Beautification. She is also the vice president and Director of Finances of Delta Gamma Sorority. Ashley has also been the Premiere Director for two consecutive terms, Founding Member of Legacy Board, Ambassador for the Honors College, and University Sexual Harassment and Assault Taskforce. Ashley has received several awards for her academic standing, including the State HEADWAE Award, State Finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship, Pam Shields Award, USM Leadership Scholarship, USM Alumni Association Scholarship, the Hershal Shattles Business Scholarship, and the Jude-Dupree Scholarship. Ashley has also been listed on the President's and Dean's list and has been inducted into the Order of Omega Honors Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and the Lambda Sigma Leadership Honor Society. Ashley plans to practice corporate law and take up politics as her future career.



## *Malisha Kay Turk*

Malisha Kay Turk is a history major from Hattiesburg, Miss. Malisha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Turk. Malisha has participated in various organizations at the university. Malisha's is associated with Chi Omega as president and recruitment chair. Malisha has also involved with the Student Alumni Association, the Legacy Board, the Gamma Beta Phi Service, and the Lambda Sigma Sophomore Honor Society. She has also been a team member of the Southern Miss dance team and the Student Government Association. Malisha's academic recognition includes Senior Homecoming Maid, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. She has also received the Dr. Tom Shoemaker Greek "Outstanding President" Award. The other recognitions include Order of Omega Greek Honors Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, and USM Metro Alumni Scholarship. She has also been listed on the Dean's list. Malisha also volunteers at the Red Cross. Malisha plans on pursuing a doctorate in history or higher education.



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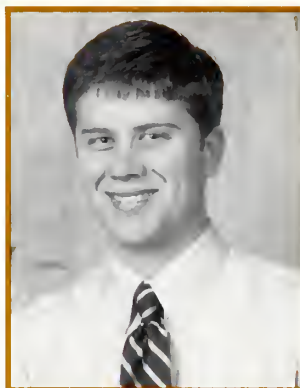
## Lakeshia Alexander

Lakeshia Alexander, a psychology major from Jackson Miss., is the daughter of Linda Alexander. Lakeshia's activities include NAACP Secretary, S.L.O.O. Psychology Club Committee, and Golden Girls Athletic Recruitment. Honors include Ronald E. McNair Scholar, President's list and National Dean's list Scholar.



## Justin Boutwell

Justin Boutwell, a finance major from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., is the son of Graham and Debra Boutwell. Justin's activities include Financial Management Association, and senator S.G.A Association. Honors include Lowery Woodall Scholarship, and Financial Management Association National Honor Society.



## Geoffrey Brewer

Geoffrey Brewer, a banking and finance major from Metairie, La., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Brewer. Geoffrey's activities include Financial Managers Association, Phi Eta Sigma, and Golden Keys National Honors Society. Honors include First Bancshares Scholarship, Academic Excellence Scholarship, and Dean's list.



## Ryan Chatelain

Ryan Chatelain, a biology major from Long Beach, Miss., is the son of O'Brien Chatelain. Ryan's activities include Alpha Lambda Delta, Lambda Sigma, and Forrest General Cancer Center Volunteer. Honors include Leadership Scholarship, USM Outstanding Freshman Male, and College of Science and Technology Scholar.



## Terwisscha Cunningham

Terwisscha Cunningham, a biological science major from Mobile, Ala., is the daughter of Keith and Arlene Fasley. Terwisscha's activities include Lambda Sigma, Election Commission Executive Director, Baptist Student Union, Golden Girl, and Order of Omeg. Honors include Dean's list, AASO African American Achievements Award, and National Dean's list.



## Andrew Dollar

Andrew Dollar, an English major from Birmingham, Ala., is the son of Dan Dollar. Andrew's activities include Sigma Phi Epsilon, Order of Omega, Student Government Association, and Honors College Mentor. Honors include Academic Scholarship, Summer Study Abroad, and Honors college.



## Patricia Ekwe

Patricia Ekwe, a chemistry major from Hattiesburg Miss., is the daughter of Amos and Juliana Abbenyi. Patricia's activities include Sigma Xi, Golden Key International Honor Society, American Chemical Society, and USM African Students' Association. Honors include President's and Dean's list, and McNair Scholars Program.



## Lisa Edison

Lisa Eidson, a political science major from Slidell, La., is the daughter of John Eidson. Lisa's activities include Honors Student Association, Pre-law Society, and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor society. Honors include Bill Porter Memorial Scholarship, USM Pre-law Book Award, and USM President and Dean's list.





## *Janet* Green

Janet Green, an English major from Bassfield, Miss., is the daughter of Kurt and Janet Green. Janet's activities include Assistant Director of the Election Committee, Judicial Board, and Golden Key Honor Society. Honors include Chi Omega Sorority most Active Active, National Dean's list, and All-American Colligate scholar.



## *Dana* Luquire

Dana Luquire, a speech communication major from Meridian, Miss., is the daughter of Judy Luquire. Dana's activities include Kappa Delta, Diamond Darlings, and Speech Communication Association. Honors include Public Relations Award for Kappa Delta Sorority, Kappa Delta "Lady" award, and Meridian's 2000 Miss Hospitality.

## *Theresa* Henton

Theresa Henton, a hospitality management major from Lacombe, La., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Henton. Theresa's activities include Phi Mu Sorority, Union Advisory Board, National Panhellenic Board, and Alpha Lambda Delta. Honors include Leadership Scholar, Academic Excellence Scholar, and Douglass Lattimer Fontaine.



## *Susan* Moak

Susan Moak, a speech-language pathology major from Clinton, Miss., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moak Jr. Susan's activities include Freshman Associates, Student Alumni Association, and USM Spirit Committee. Honors include President's and Dean's list, Alpha Lambda Delta, and sophomore Homecoming Maid.

## *Eric* Van Hoven

Eric Van Hoven, a management major from Metairie, La., is the son of Tim and Joan Van Hoven. Eric's activities include Interfraternity Council, USM Southern Style, Alpha Tau Omega, and USM British Studies Abroad program. Honors include Order of Omega, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Lambda Sigma Honor Society.



## *Lezlie* Moore

Lezlie Moore, an accounting major from Magee, Miss., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Moore. Lezlie's activities include Panhellenic Council, Student Technology Committee, Freshman Associates, and Homecoming Planning Committee. Honors include Golden Keys National Society, Dean's list and Omicron Delta Kappa.

## *Sheladia* Kidd

Sheladia Kidd, a speech communication major from Hattiesburg, Miss., is the daughter of Jackie and Sonyia Kidd. Sheladia's activities include Student Government Association, The Legacy, Residence Life Association and Speech Communication Association. Honors include USM Leadership Scholar, Eagle Connection Member of the Year, and Dean's list.



## *Mendy* Myers

Mendy Myers, a special education major from Brandon, Miss., is the daughter of Therrell and Julie Myers. Mendy's activities include Delta Delta Delta, Campus Crusade for Christ, Baptist Student Association and Students Council for Exceptional Children. Honors include William V. Plue Scholarship, President's list, Special Education Department Scholarship.

## *Brandye* Lamas

Brandye Lamas, a speech communication major from Biloxi, Miss., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lamas. Brandye's activities include Kappa Delta, Southern Style, Premiere Director, and Speech Communication Association. Honors include President's and Dean's list, Lambda Sigma National Scholarship, and Order of Omega Greek Honor Society.



## *Spring* O'Neal

Spring O'Neal, a journalism major from Purvis, Miss., is the daughter of Arl and Crystal O'Neal. Spring's activities include The Southerner, The Students Printz, Student Government Association, and Gamma Beta Phi. Honors include Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Frank Buckley Journalism Scholarship, and All-American Scholar.



## *Haley* Necaise

Haley Necaise, a psychology major from Gulfport, Miss., is the daughter of Donald and Elizabeth Necaise. Haley's activities include Chi Omega Sorority, Order of Omega, Phi Eta Sigma, and Golden Key Honor Society. Honors include President's and Dean's list, USM Cheerleaders Scholarship, and All-American Scholarship.



## *Gillian* Nelson

Gillian Nelson, an English and music major from Key West, Fla., is the daughter of John and Penny Nelson. Gillian's activities include Honors Students Association, National Residence Hall Honorary, Golden Key Honor Society, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Honors include Wilbur and Polly Stout Award, the National Dean's List, and All-American Scholar.



## *Angela* Patterson

Angela Patterson, a journalism major, from Lubbock, Texas, is the daughter of Jana Crooks. Angela's activities include Golden Key Honor Society, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Lambda Sigma Honor Society. Honors include McNair Scholars Research Program, African American Scholarship Recipient, and President's and Dean's list.



## *Lauren* Pigott

Lauren Pigott, a mathematics major from Picayune, Miss., is the daughter of John and Dot Pigott. Lauren's activities include Resident Hall Association, Honors College Ambassador, Eagle Excellence, Southern Miss College Bowl. Honors include Recipient of Olliphant, Academic Excellence, and College of Science and Technology Scholar.



## *Brant* Ryan

Brant Ryan, a speech communication, from Hattiesburg, Miss., is the son of Tim and Jeannie Ryan. Brant's activities include University Activities Council, Catholic Students Association, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Speech Communication Association. Honors include Dean's and President's list, All-American Collegiate Scholar, and Golden Key Honor Society.



## *Nicole* Smith

Nicole Smith, a Spanish major from Orlando, Fla., is the daughter of Robert and Cynthia Smith. Nicole's activities include Golden Key Honor Society, National Residence Hall Honorary, Gamma Beta Phi and Women's Rugby team. Honors include Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award, Resident Assistant Spirit Award, and Programming Award.



## *Gretchen* Spring

Gretchen Spring, an accounting major from Madison, Miss., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Spring. Gretchen's activities include Chi Omega Sorority, Eagle Connection, and Gamma Beta Phi. Honors include USM Junior Homecoming Maid, Dean's list, and Outstanding Freshman Women of the Year Nominee.



## *Catherine* Tallman

Catherine Tallman, a dance performance and choreography major from Baton Rouge, La., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Tallman Jr. Catherine's activities include Kappa Delta Sorority, USM Dance Repertory Dance Company, and Southern Style. Honors include Outstanding Freshman Female, Miss USM, and President's and Dean's list.



## *Galey* Tatum

Galey Tatum, a hospitality management major from Inverness, Ill., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tatum Jr. Galey's activities include Ambassador for the Health and Human Sciences College, Chi Omega American Marketing Association. Honors include Most Outstanding Freshman Female, Golden Key, and Alpha Lambda Delta.



## *Lindsey* Theobald

Lindsey Theobald, an English and film major from Vicksburg, Miss., is the daughter of Bernadette Vedros. Lindsey's activities include Lambda Sigma, Campus Safety, and Student Alumni Association. Honors include Most Outstanding Freshman Female, Golden Key National Honor Society, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.





## Adam Todd

Adam Todd, a marketing major from Senatobia, Miss., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Todd. Adam's activities include Interfraternity Council, Greek Life, Sigma Chi Fraternity, and University Police Department. Honors include Lambda Sigma Honor Society, Order of Omega, and Leadership Scholarship.



## Susan Weldon

Susan Weldon, a political science major from Cleveland, Miss., is the daughter of Erin Weldon. Susan's activities include Delta Gamma Sorority, Director of Scholarships, Premiere Director, and Lambda Sigma. Honors include Academic Excellence Scholarship, Alfred Moore Pre-Law Scholarship, and USM Foundation British Studies Scholarship.

## Ashely Tullos

Ashley Tullos, a business administration major from Hattiesburg, Miss., is the daughter of Mark and Sherry Tullos. Ashley's activities include, Delta Gamma, USM Undergraduate Research Initiative, and University Sexual Harassment and Assault Taskforce. Honors include Headware Award, Pam Shields Award, and Hershal Shattles Business Scholarship.



## Sarah Wesley

Sarah Wesley, an English major from Hattiesburg, Miss., is the daughter of Homer and Marion Wesley. Sarah's activities include Eagle Connections, Delta Gamma Sorority, Lambda Sigma Honor Society, and Wesley Foundation. Honors include Outstanding Freshman Female, Olliphant Scholar, and MS Emminent Scholars Grant.

## Malisha Turk

Mailsha Turk, a history major from Hattiesburg, Miss., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.K.Turk. Malisha's activities include Chi Omega Sorority, Student Alumni Association, Legacy Board, and Gamma Beta Phi. Honors include Senior Homecoming Court Maid, Omicron Delata Kappa, and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.



## Erin Williams

Erin Williams, a biological sciences major from Biloxi, MS., is the daughter of Elmer Williams and Melonie Corso. Erin's activities include Legacy Board of Student Alumni Assocaiaion, Beta Beta Beta, and Omicron Delta Kappa. Honors include USM Academic Scholarship reciepiant, College of Science and Technology Scholar, President's and Dean's list.

## Jamie Walker

Jamie Walker, a speech communcation major from Petal, Miss., is the daughter of James and Debbie Walker. Jamie's activities include Sports Professional Student Association, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, and Greek Life. Honors include President's and Dean's list, Phi Eta Sigma, and Alumni Association Scholarship.



## Rashida Wilson

Rashida Wilson, a biological sciences and foreign languages major from Columbus, Miss., is the daughter of Jack and Brenda Wilson. Rashida's activities include the Afro-American Student Organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gamma Beta Phi, and Golden Girls. Honors include Outstanding Freshman Leader, Academic Excellence Award, and Outstanding M.A.M.P Scholar and Leader.

## Dorian Wallace

Dorian Wallace, a public relations major from Hattiesburg, Miss., is the daughter of Carol Wallace. Dorian's activities include P.R.S.S.A, Golden Girls Football Recruitment, and Kappa Tau Alpha Journalism Honor Society. Honors include President's and Dean's list, Hattie Lott Hardy Scholarship, and Godwin Group Excellence in Public Relations Scholarship.



## Jonathan Womack

Jonathan Womack, a psychology major from Utica, Mis., is the son of Douglas and Vicki Womack. Jonathan's activities include Southern style, Honors College, and Honors Fourm. Honors include Presidential Scholar, Golden Keys National Honor Society, and Rhodes Scholar nominee.

# Southern Miss



## Silver Bowl 2001 – 2002

The Highest Scholastic honor given to any student at USM is the Phi Kappa Phi Silver Bowl Award. To qualify for this, the student has to be a senior member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 4.0

### Faith Marie Fugate

Faith Marie Fugate is an accounting major from Gautier, Miss. Faith has been an active member of Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Alpha Psi, Golden Key Honor Society, and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Faith has also recieved several awards for her academic performance such as participating in the McNair Scholars Program, Senior Honors Program, and British Studies Abroad Program. Faith has been awarded the Hamp King Award, the Fred D. Kennamond Accounting Scholarship ,and several foundation scholarships. Faith plans to pursue her graduate program in business administration and teach in a accredited institution in Mississippi.



“This is what learning is. You  
something you’ve understood



# Southern Miss

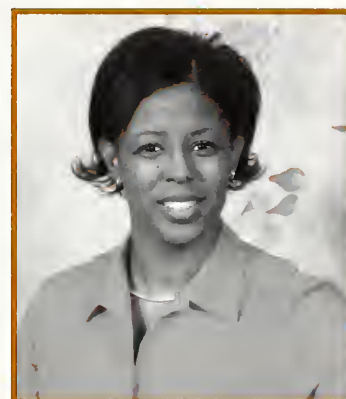
## BEST CITIZENS

2001 – 2002

The Best Citizens Award is given to two graduating students every year. This young lady and young man have demonstrated excellent citizenship qualities, and their academic performance has been outstanding.

### *Terwisscha 'Monique' Cunningham*

Terwisscha "Monique" Cunningham is a biological sciences major from Mobile, Ala. Terwisscha is the daughter of Keith and Arlene Easley. Terwisscha's organizational affiliations and activities include Lambda Sigma Honor Society, AASO dance team, executive director and freshman associate for the Election Commission, treasurer and president of Golden Girls, Order of Omega Honor Society, Eagle Connection, Peers Educating Peers, and Southern Style. She has been listed on both the Dean's list and the National Dean's list. She has also been conferred the AASO African American Achievement Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha New Soror of the Year, and the MAMP scholar. Terwisscha plans are to pursue her career as an obstetrician and attend medical school.



### *Michael Brant Pettis*

Michael Brant Pettis is an accounting major from Wiggins, Miss. He is the son of Charles and Donice Pettis. Brant participates in several organizations at the university including vice president and senator of Student Government Association, vice president and chaplain of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, community activities chairman of Lambda Sigma Honor Society, and vice president of Community Services and Social Activities for Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Fraternity. He is also associated with the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and Campus Crusades for Christ. Brant has been awarded the Alfred and Doris Breeland Scholarship, Leadership Awards, Academic Awards, and the Junior male with the highest GPA in the Greek system. Brant plans on pursuing a career in business law.

*suddenly understand  
all your life, but in a new way.*”

- Doris Lessing

# A Path to Excellence

## USM's Top 10

### The Arts

As the only arts college in Mississippi, USM's College of the Arts has much to offer its students who enjoy creating meaning that appeals to the senses.

The principle goal of the College of the Arts is to provide its students with a well-rounded preparation for professional careers in any of the many branches of art. Additionally, the College of the Arts strives to provide opportunities for all students at USM to participate in artistic activities and develop awareness of cultural values.

This is evident in the many productions that the college offers the university community. A wide variety of graduate recitals can be attended throughout each semester, and the art exhibits in the campus art gallery are an indication of the turn that artistic expression is taking. Dance and theater majors are Presented with the challenge of presenting original works as well.

Almost every Southern Miss student will spend at least one semester in Johnson Science Tower (right), which houses a wide variety of the courses offered through the College of Science and Technology.

Taking advantage of the instruction offered in Joseph A. Greene Hall (bottom) can lead business students down the road to success.

photos by Natalie S. Everett





# Business & Administration

The College of Business Administration continues to recruit some of the best and brightest students from the southeastern region and around the world. The faculty lends their expertise to help change and improve the way business is performed throughout our state, region, country, and world. The College of Business Administration offers scholarships, student internship programs, and an Executive in Residence program.

Students with a bachelor's in Business Administration pursue careers in national and global banking and finance, marketing, management, accounting, and management information systems. These students become real estate agents, business owners, financial managers and advisors, financial backers, and systems designers and analysts. Because of the broad curriculum offered, students leave the University with a strong advantage in the business world.

# Education & Psychology

The College of Education and Psychology consists of five academic departments, two service units, 100 faculty and staff and currently enrolls 800 psychology majors and 1,200 education majors.

While combining their majors with minors and emphasis areas from the University's degree programs, students in this college may prepare for lifetime careers as foreign and domestic instructors, sports or forensic psychologists, and the future designers of ground-breaking research in education and human behavior, just to name a few. All programs are regionally or nationally accredited, including the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and the American Psychological Association.

# Health & Human Sciences

Dedicated to the health and professional well-being of individuals, the College of Health and Human Sciences focuses on the personal development of its students and their interest in the development of others.

Students in this college will eventually become recreational directions, coaches, fashion and interior designers and merchandisers, community health workers, nutritionists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, just to name a few professions.

These students learn in stimulating environments during internships in community agencies and businesses. They also gain experiences utilizing sources on campus. For example, hospitality and restaurant management students experience while working in the Charcoal Room, a campus eatery.

# International & Continuing Education

The College of International and Continuing Education has many goals to meet for their students. Their mission is to prepare individuals for the opportunity of entering the workplace in their respective academic or professional field and serve as a liaison between USM's academic programs and the community at-large. The college provides for the students continuing education, international admission and student services, and intensive English instruction for international students. The college also administers USM's extensive Study Abroad program.

This college houses the Geography Department as well as the Department of Economic Development and Planning. Also home to the College of International and Continuing Education is the English Language Institute, which provides English language instruction to students from around the globe. This college also handles the University's international student admission process.



The Ramond Mannoni Performing Arts Center is a familiar sight for the University and local community. It hosts a variety of programs, including the Miss Southern Pageant.

of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Long Beach, and Meridian.

The College of Nursing enjoys a fine reputation for an outstanding faculty, well-qualified students, and graduates who become leaders in nursing in the state and in the nation.

According to new nursing student, Wes Kirk, nursing students go to clinical settings at Forrest General Hospital. They get firsthand experience in a clinical setting while the hospital gets volunteers from the university community.

"I've been interested in emergency care for a while now...I'd like to be in a position to make split decisions that can save someone's life," said Wes Kirk, of his reasons for wanting to be an ER Nurse.

## Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts offers a wide range of academic majors as well as a participation in the University's general curriculum. The programs in the college stress the essential skills of logical thought, clear communication, and effective writing. This allows all Liberal Arts majors the flexibility to pursue a broad spectrum of careers.

Graduates of this college will find work in the real world as journalist in the various medias, historians, anthropologists and sociologists, historians, writers and philosophers. Some will also visit and teach in foreign languages around the globe. Still others will help shape the nation's judicial system as future law enforcement officers, lawyers and politicians. The College of Liberal Arts offers its students an appreciation of people and cultures past and present and encourages their creativity as they add new chapters for the future.

## Nursing

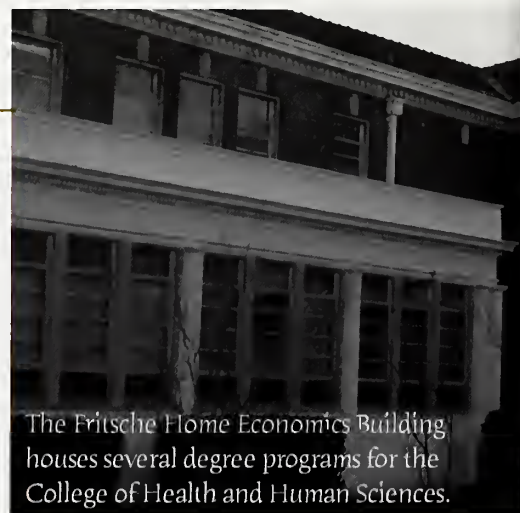
The School of Nursing at USM was founded in 1967 to prepare nurses at the baccalaureate level. It officially became the College of Nursing in 1997 and admitted its first students for its new Ph.D. program in the fall of 1999. Now, the college is proud to offer a Master of Science in nursing at the University of

## Graduate School

Established in 1947, the Graduate School at the University of Southern Mississippi sought to recognize the university's growing responsibilities as center of higher learning.

In 1972, the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning authorized the University to offer graduate degrees at the Gulf Coast branch of USM.

Ever since it was founded, the Graduate School has developed to meet the needs for professional competence beyond academic measure of the baccalaureate degree. According to Dean Donald R. Cotton, the Graduate School has over 2,700 men and women involved in eighty advanced degree programs. For students who have acquired a bachelors degree, the advanced degree is the final step towards a lifelong goal.



The Fritsche Home Economics Building houses several degree programs for the College of Health and Human Sciences.



# Science & Technology

The College of Science and Technology is comprised of seven departments, three schools, two centers, and three institutes. The broad level of majors offered range from Biology to Polymer Science. The students in this college are required to complete laboratory work at all levels of their undergraduate study. They also receive instruction from experienced scientists who have received national recognition.

The Polymer Science Institute is now in charge of creating paint for the Pentagon. Its study on odorless paint drew attention from government officials. The recognition of the College of Science and Technology continues to grow as the faculty and students of the college reach for better effects for the world.

# Honors College

The University of Southern Mississippi

Honors College seeks to offer its students a rigorous, comprehensive undergraduate education that works with any degree at the university. Established in 1965, the program became a separate college in 1976, making it the sixth oldest honors college in the nation.

The Honors College offers scholarship opportunities based on academic and leadership

abilities. To its students, the Honors College provides personal attention from friendly and accessible faculty and staff.

On the Honors College, Alexis Spicer had this to say, "It provides a small college atmosphere within the University," says Alexis Spicer, "I also like that I know all of the people in my classes, because honors classes are open only to Honor's students."

All stories by Amanda Gilbert, Fred Clack, and Natalie S. Everett

Photos by Natalie S. Everett



The Liberal Arts Building, referred to as "the L.A.B." by university students the home to one of the most diverse colleges on campus.







**The Friendship Oak, located on the beachfront overlooking the Gulf of Mexico at The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast campus, is a live oak tree over 500 years old. The oak dates back to 1487.**

**The USM Gulf Coast campus has a nontraditional enrollment of approximately 1,800. Next year will mark the arrival of the first freshman class on campus. The campus offers 30 bachelor degrees, 20 master's degree and four specialist's degrees.**



A black and white photograph of a large, leafy tree with a person sitting on the grass in the foreground. The tree's branches are thick and gnarled, with dense foliage. The person is small and sits on the grass in the lower center of the frame. The text "enter my SHADOW" is overlaid on the image.

# enter my SHADOW

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USM students Jennifer Weir and Drew  
Sartin pose in front of the Pyrenees  
Mountains with other students from the  
Universite de Perpignan in France.





By Danielle Prejean



# TROTTING

## Discovering the world

"Studying abroad is an adventure," said Suzy Steen, Director of International Programs at USM. "It's an opportunity to learn about yourself and your own culture as well as another country's culture."

"You learn much more than you could read in a book," said Maria Garcia, an exchange student from The University of Exeter. USM's study abroad program typically sends 700-750 students overseas each year, including students from universities nationwide who come to USM strictly to study abroad. In recent years, the Institute for International Education has ranked USM's program in the top 10 among doctoral institutions.

Several new study abroad destinations have been added to USM's list including Pontlevoy and Orleans, France and Cologne, Germany.

The Pontlevoy program is designed for freshman and sophomores who will be able to reside at the Abbey of Pontlevoy for a semester. While in France, these students will take

interdisciplinary courses to satisfy their core requirements.

"This program is exciting because it allows students to go abroad earlier in their academic careers," Steen said. "The students come back better learners and can apply this enriched learning perspective for longer than they could otherwise."

The exchange program with the University of Orleans was designed to help students improve their French skills. Since the president, faculty and staff of the University of Orleans helped design the Pontlevoy program, the exchange program with their university was a natural outgrowth of the process.

The Cologne program is another semester-based program where students can earn credit in German, history, international studies, geography and social sciences.

Another fairly new program, Vietnam studies, just earned the Association for Continuing Higher Education (ACHE) 2002 Region 7 Distinguished Award.

This program is a powerful learning experience that combines personal

narratives with a historical perspective. Vietnam veterans go with students to the sites where they fought in the Vietnam War and describe what happened at each site. Sharing their accounts of the war can be therapeutic for the veterans and can evoke extreme emotion in the students.

Both students from USM that study abroad and students from abroad that attend USM gain something very valuable from their time in another country.

"There's something satisfying about knowing what's around each corner of the cobblestone road in a town 5000 miles away," said Camille Millet, who attended the Universite de Perpignan program in France.

"My stay in the United States has been really rewarding," Garcia said. "I would recommend it for anyone."

International students who study here usually love the South and love USM," Steen said. "Many come back to USM for graduate school."

Since the exchange programs started in 1986, over 20 international students have

returned to USM to continue their education.

In order to study abroad, USM students must submit an application in the spring before the year that they go. They must then go through an interview process because space on these educational excursions is limited.

When choosing students to study abroad, Steen tries to choose students who can manage the transition to a new culture and academic system. She looks for the students who would benefit the most from traveling overseas and who would be positive ambassadors for USM and the United States.

When students travel to another country, they are encouraged to move out of their comfort zones and embrace the people as well as the overall experience.

"Study abroad is considered most successful when students form friendships in their host countries," Steen said. "They get to know the culture from an inside perspective."









Ben Yelverton, a senior sports medicine major studies outside of Stout Hall. Many students find quiet spots between classes to catch up on class work. Photo by Elizabeth Slade.









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Photo by Heather Anderson



# Educator

## *Contributing to ingenuity*

By Heather Anderson

The South offers many different things for its people. The language, the food, the culture, the traditions--but what kind of educational experiences can the South offer? According to Dr. Edward Frederick, an assistant professor of mass communications and journalism, creativity plays a major role in the southern learning experience.

Dr. Frederick and his colleague, Dr. Charles Mayo, an assistant professor of mass communications and journalism, teach public relations courses to USM undergraduates, masters and doctorate students. Both professors feel teaching at USM has given them the opportunity to work with many talented and smart students.

"The big attraction for me coming back to teach at USM was that I love the school and working with my colleagues. I enjoy the people here. The students are a lot of fun to teach," said Mayo. Mayo, a 1975 USM alumni worked at Jones Junior Community College, Pearl River Basin Development District, Hinds Community College,

Forrest General Hospital, University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and Louisiana State University before returning to his alma mater. "The most rewarding experience for me is getting to know the students. There is a very good group of students who attend USM. They are very talented and smart," said Mayo,

Frederick, a native of Wisconsin, said the big attraction for him coming to USM after teaching at Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin was the doctoral program.

"USM presents a great opportunity for academics. You get diversity here. I have the opportunity to teach undergraduates, help students with their master's theses and doctoral students with their dissertation research."

At the moment, the biggest challenge teaching at USM is the

budget shortfalls, they said.

"Education funding needs to have a high priority among all our legislators," said Frederick. "Education is key to quality of life and good school systems are the backbone of the economic wealth of the state." Mayo agreed, "The chal-

lenge our legislators face in funding priorities is daunting. Creating a stable funding mechanism that minimizes the impact of tax shortfalls is needed."

The atmospheres on a southern college campus can be quite different from those in other regions. Frederick said his experience in teaching in the north and teaching in the south has brought out his creativity. "For professionally oriented programs, it takes a little more creativity to get speakers, internships, etc. You have to be more creative to overcome the miles," said Frederick.

While the South provides an outlet for creativity it also provides many surprising experiences.

Frederick said he has had some surprising experiences while teaching at USM. The most surprising was during Christmas break this year. "I walked out of my office at 10 p.m. on January 1 and found two inches of snow. That was not expected at all. I sold my skis before I had moved here, wished I had known. I did make a snow angel in front of the administration building though."

Education in the South has not only provided students with a unique learning experience through southern cultures and traditions but also has allowed educators to contribute to the legacy of southern education.

“The most rewarding experience for me is getting to know the students who attend USM. They are very talented and smart.”

-Dr. Charles Mayo

# Southern SPORTS

The year in USM athletics was one of ups and downs.

Hard fought seasons of football, basketball, baseball, track and field, softball, volleyball, soccer, golf, tennis had USM on it's feet.

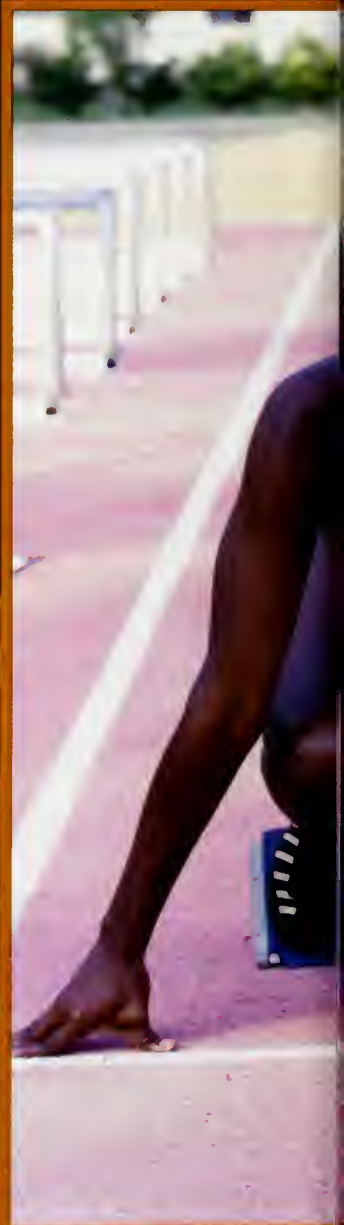
Cheering our teams along on their quest for victory was USM faculty, staff, students, the marching band and cheerleaders.

"This year was very exciting no matter the final scores because we fought to the end. ”

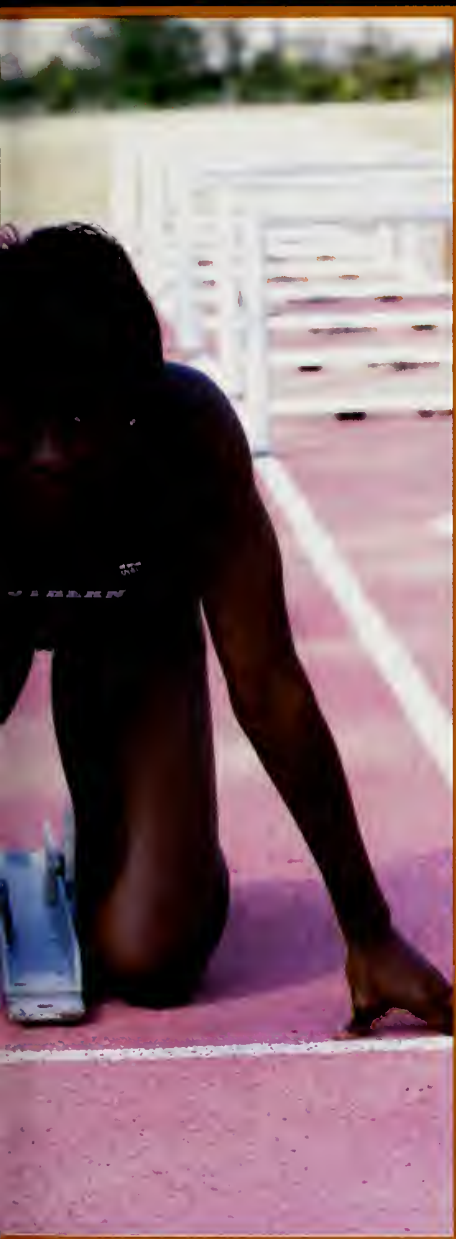
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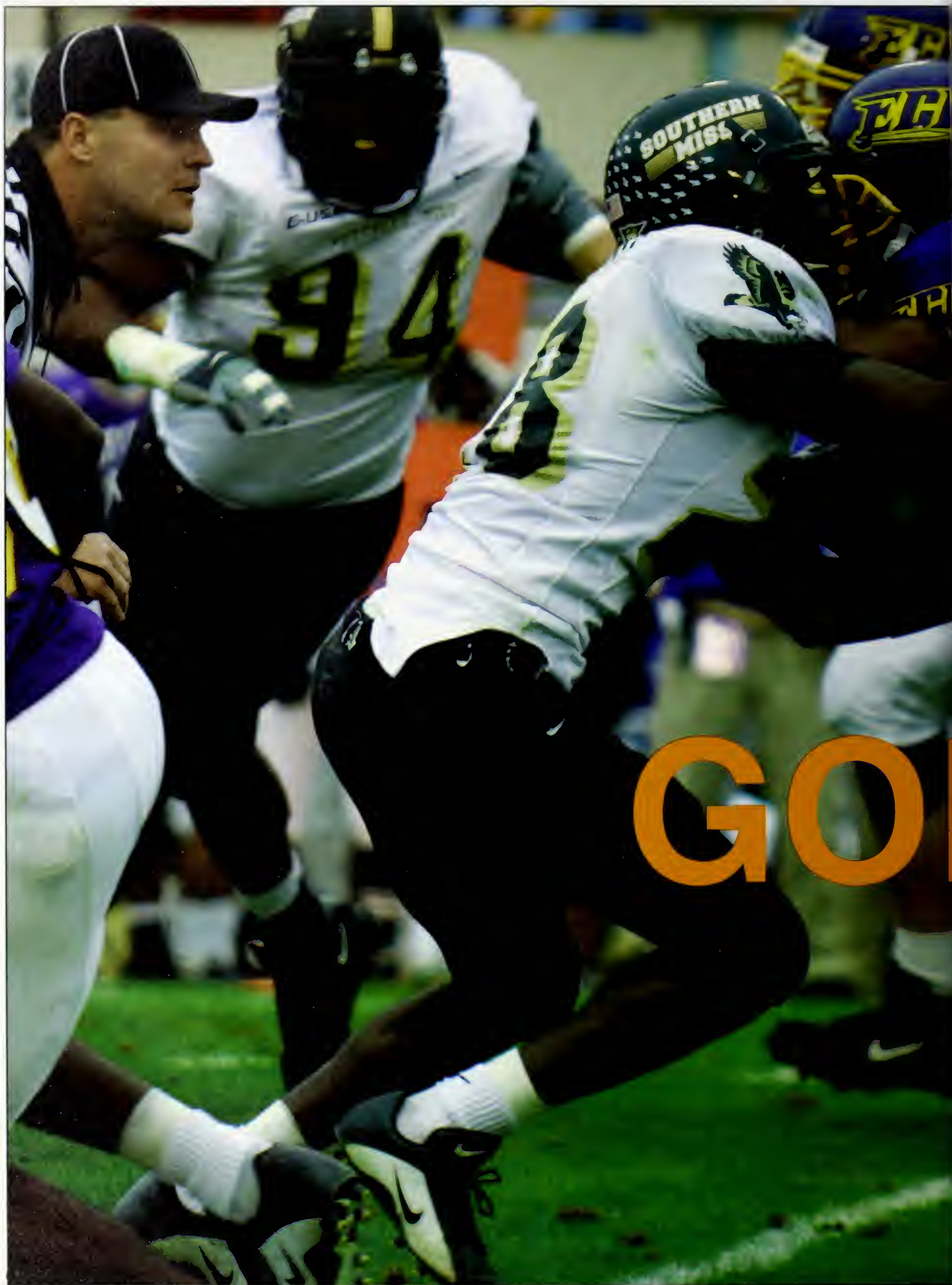
athletics,” said USM fan Amanda Bailey.

With the passion that is so evident in all USM athletics it was not hard to see why USM has succeeded in C-USA play.













# **RUSH**

**2001 Eagle Football Review**



# GoldRush

by Fred Clarke & Carla Finklea



## Tigers Shred the Eagles 22-17

The Eagles were on the road to take on the Memphis Tigers at Liberty Bowl Stadium. The Eagles entered the Memphis game with a 3-0 record, but that soon changed 48 minutes later. The Tigers clawed their way to a 22-17 victory over the Eagles.

Early in the game, the Tigers capitalized on an Eagle fumble, posting a score of 7-0. The Eagles answered back later in the first quarter with a field goal, bringing the score to 7-3.

The Eagles regained confidence in the second quarter and scored a touchdown putting them up 10-7, but Memphis answered back with a field goal tying the game.

Turnovers arose again, when Jeff Kelly's pass was intercepted by a Memphis linebacker and scored a touchdown bringing Memphis to 17-10. Kelly, who went for 21-of-37 for 204 yards, was sacked five times during the game as well.

During the fourth quarter, Memphis increased the lead with a safety, and pulled ahead 19-10. The Eagles came back with a touchdown and cut the Tigers' lead down to two at 19-17.

The Memphis Tigers secured the victory with a final field goal and score of 22-17. *PC*

## Eagles Soar over Cougars 58-14

The Eagles were 4-2 overall and 2-2 in C-USA action coming into the Homecoming match-up between Houston. Everything turned up positive for the Golden Eagles as they capitalized on multiple turnovers and quarterback, Jeff Kelly, had a remarkable game as well.

After passing for 20-of-32 for 276 yards, Jeff Kelly as well as Coach Jeff Bower was pleased with Kelly's performance. Kelly also credited the offense for taking the initiative to carry the Eagles to the homecoming victory.

The Eagles got off to a promising start in the first quarter. Kelly threw a touchdown pass to receiver Marvin Young, and gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

The Eagle defense, who held Houston to 102 rushing yards yards on 29 attempts during the entire game, contributed greatly to the victory as well. Linebacker Rod Davis, intercepted Houston quarterback Nick Eddy's pass, giving the Eagles an opportunity to score once more in the first quarter. Kelly ran in a seven-yard touchdown to bring the Eagles to 14-0.

Early in the second quarter, Kelly connected with receiver LeRoy Handy, to move the Eagles 24-0.

In the last seconds of the first half, Houston made an attempt to score, but was denied by an Eagle defensive player.

The Eagles improved their position to 31-0 early in the third quarter, while the Cougars answered back for the first time with a touchdown, but an unsuccessful two point conversion make the score 31-6.

The Eagles improved to 45-6 on a touchdown and a Houston turnover. Houston later made a fatal turnover and the Eagles scored again and came to 56-6.

Houston answered back with a touchdown and two point conversion, bringing the score to 56-14.

In the final minute of the game, Southern Miss pulled off another touchdown to bring the final score to 58-14. *PC*







Greg Brooks

We've got to protect the ball. We have to get 11 guys offensively to play as a unit.

- Coach Bower

## Eagles Ride the Green Wave; 59-6

The Golden Eagles rode the Green Wave to a 59-6 victory against C-USA rival Tulane in the Battle for the Bel.

One three separate possessions, the Eagles managed to rack up a 21-0 lead, and they never looked back.

During the second quarter, Tulane scored their only points of the game, ending the Eagles' hope for a shut out at 21-6.

Three was the magic number as the Golden Eagles scored three more times during the second quarter, and created a 32 point deficit leading into half time.

Early in the second half, the lead was extended to 49-6 by the Eagles, and minutes later another touchdown resulted in a score of 56-6.

Despite the disappointment of a couple of losses, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles look at next year with an optimistic attitude. The Golden Eagles finished up the season at 6-5 overall and 4-3 C-USA.

There is always next year, there is another game, and there are always the fans. "The football team deserves respect," said Senior Arie Wilson. "Whether winning or losing, the team gives it their all."

The ability of the USM Golden Eagles has not gone unnoticed. Their defense has been ranked among the top in the nation. Fans and rivals alike know that the Golden Eagles have what it takes to play a good game and play it with the best.

With respect and pride, optimistic fans, a confident defense, the Golden Eagles makes a great team next to any other. They have the special southern attitude and the support that they need to play with everything they have and more. *Re*



Chad Williams

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Coach Bower Quote from the *Student Printz*

## jeff bower




Coach Bower is a tall, slender blonde man who has a smiling but serious expression on his face most of the time. He seems to have only one speed- fast. He talks fast, walks fast, and I had to work to keep up his pace. Walking into his office is eye opening. He has at least ten pictures of his family behind his desk, and they are the first thing you see as you walk into his office. He made me feel completely comfortable as he sat behind his messy desk with his feet propped upon it. He seems at ease with himself. Maybe it is because he has been at USM for so long.

He came from his native Georgia in 1972 to play football for USM and worked his way up to the position of quarterback. He was impressive accumulating 4,062 yards, surpassed by only three other quarterbacks at USM. He also excelled in the classroom. He received his bachelor's degree in business and went on to get his master's in management. After getting his degrees, he became a receivers coach for the Eagles. He left his alma mater to be the quarterback coach for Southern Methodist University in Texas. He began his head-coaching career at USM in 1990.

Bower says the biggest change on campus is development. "That's probably been the biggest change-just growth itself. I talk to a lot of people who have not been back for years, and they can not believe it." Having been a fixture here in Hattiesburg for so long, Coach Bower is recognized by most on sight. He has achieved somewhat of a celebrity status in the Hub City, but seems to be comfortable with it. "That's just a given with my position, you know? I have been

here so long, and I don't mean that in an egotistical way. People-they recognize you, and it doesn't bother me. I enjoy talking to other people."

He is a genuine man who cares about his school, his players, and his coaches. He is proud of the football team's eight straight winning seasons and that USM is only one of 12 schools to have done that. However, he is more concerned with his players graduating college than winning games. "You also hope they graduate as a good person, and you hope to do a good job of preparing them for life after college and life after football." That doesn't mean he is not seeking more prestige for his team. He wants Robert Stadium expanded in order to get more prestigious conference games into the stadium. He seems to be looking ahead and trying to be the best coach he can be.

When asked what his favorite part of coaching is, he answers immediately: "My favorite time of day is being with the players practicing." His players are also what come to mind when asked what the hardest part of coaching is. "It's disappointing to have some kids come here and not do what they are capable of doing. You feel responsible, or at least I do. We try to work with them, and sometimes it just doesn't work out. That's disappointing to me ... but we have done pretty well with the kids coming in here and graduating." Coach Bower is an intelligent, friendly, engaging man who draws you in from the first moment you meet him. USM is lucky to have him as head football coach. 





“My favorite time of day is being with the players practicing.”

by Laural Green  
Photos by King Photography

## FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER

left to right. (front row) DeShea Welch, Kim Cameron, Pamela Sunderland (backrow) Marney Walker, Eric Newsome, Sam Smith cheer during Friday Night at the Fountain. Friday Night at the Fountain is the pep rally held the night before home games.





# eagle spirit



by Fred Clarke  
Photo by Mark Farmer

"You have to trust."

At least that's Courtney Armstrong's take on cheerleading. Armstrong, freshman journalism major, is a cheerleader at USM.

"As a freshman, it was really hard for me to cheer with a lot of people who had more experience than I did," Armstrong said. "Cheerleading was a very good experience for me. It was something I always wanted to do, and I am glad I got the chance to do it."

Cheerleaders do a lot on the field, both for the players and the fans, but the work they put into their cheers and stunts is never seen by those who admire them from the stands.

"The hardest thing for me was the hard work at summer camp," Armstrong said. "We would work from two in the afternoon until nine at night from Sunday to Friday and twelve hours a day on Saturday."

The USM cheerleaders have not been to many competitions, but next year they hope to change that. According to Armstrong, the cheerleaders hope to be able to go to the United Cheerleading Association competition in Orlando, Fla.

Cheerleading is not just something for fans to admire, football players to appreciate or competitions to judge. Cheerleading builds personality and develops trust, teamwork and strong bonds of friendship. When you spend so much time together working as a team, people come together.

"There's definitely a closeness that develops in the squad during the summer training," Armstrong said. "You have to trust your teammates when you are stunting. Cheerleading takes everybody depending on everybody else. It takes trust." *FC*



#### LAYING UP

Brad Richardson makes the breakaway and layup during part two of the Houston series. The Eagles went 0-2 in the series with Houston.

Photo by Mark Farmer



# vertical limits

## eagle basketball

special to the *Southerner*

The Eagles entered the season riding high on their previous C-USA championship victory, but a loss of key players left many big shoes to be filled.

The Eagles got off to an unstable start and fought numerous losing streaks throughout the year. They could not gain the momentum needed to catapult them back into the Conference USA Tournament field.

The Eagles would normally become a seed in the tournament,

but the addition of two teams into the conference this year made it even more difficult for the Eagles to clinch a tournament spot.

There are 14 teams and 12 tournament seeds this season. The Southern Miss Eagles failed to make the cut with a record of 9-17.

So exactly how do you go from C-USA champions to dead last in the conference with out a tournament seed?

The loss of key players including the untimely loss of senior

Kilavorus Thompson.

Thompson who graduated last Spring, was supposed to ask for one more year from the NCAA and return to soar with the Eagles for another season, but suffered a knee injury while playing in a summer league which prevented him from making a return.

In addition to the loss of players; inexperience and multiple injuries plagued the team throughout the season as well.

UAB severed the

Eagles' hopes of entering the C-USA Tournament.

In the final game with South Florida, the Eagles played not for a tournament seed, but for themselves.

Despite the rough season, the 2001 C-USA Coach of the Year, James Green and the Eagles will return with a vengeance next season. *RF*



**GLIDING ON AIR**  
Forward Elvin Mims sails past Houston defense and drives for the basket during the Houston series. Mims averaged 19.5 points per game last season. Photo by Mark Farmer.

# fast

# break

## lady eagle basketball

Special to the *Southerner*

The Southern Miss Lady Eagles began the rebuilding process this year with new "fresh"men talent.

The Southern Miss Lady Eagles started off on a three game losing streak. The Lady Eagles refused to let the streak set the tone for the season and bounced back with a four game winning streak.

Throughout the season, the Lady Eagles experienced turbulence and couldn't get back into the winning streak they had started.

Through most of February the Lady Eagles went into a downward spiral with a five game losing streak.

The Lady Eagles bounced back to end the season on a positive note with a win at home against Charlotte.

With a record of 11-16 overall and 4-10 in conference play, the Lady Eagles captured the 11th seed in the Conference USA Women's Basketball Tournament.

The post season ended for the

Lady Eagles, sooner than they had hoped. The Lady Eagles traveled to Chicago to battle Louisville in the first round of the postseason tournament.

The Lady Eagles were ousted in the first round by the Cardinals with a score of 83-52.

Nine of 11 players will return to the team next year with hopes of a promising season and a longer stay at the C-USA Women's Basketball Tournament. *R*



### DOUBLE TEAMED

Guard Marlana Lee pulls up as she encounters two Cincinnati players on the defense.





#### DOUBLE TROUBLE

Guard Tierra Lassiter takes a jump shot while being guarded by two South Florida players. The Lady Eagles go on to win 78-56.

Photo by King Photography









### THREE TIMES THE EFFORT

S'Dori Sims shows her athletic grace while she practices her triple jump. Photo by King Photography

# setting the goal

## Lady Eagle Soccer Alive and Kicking

The 2001 Lady Eagles soccer team had a successful season, going 9-7-0 overall and 3-7-0 in Conference USA play in the process. Tricia Wiles earned a spot on the Conference USA All-Conference Second Team. She led the Lady Eagles in overall points, goals and shots. Wiles finished with 25 points, including 11 goals and three assists. She reeled off 49 shots with a .224 shot percentage.

The Southern Miss Lady Eagles won their first season opener under Head Coach Matt Clark, 1-0, over Middle Tennessee State in the inaugural Golden Eagle Soccer Classic. This began a school record five consecutive win streak, which included victories over Gardner-Webb,

University of Arkansas-Little Rock, McNeese State, and South Alabama.

The Lady Eagles then dropped its first four Conference USA matches of the season against Cincinnati, Louisville, Charlotte and East Carolina. Southern Miss then picked up an 8-0 victory in a non-conference match against Nicholls State.

The Lady Eagles then defeated Memphis, South Florida and TCU to gain the only conference wins of the season. The Lady Eagles ended the season with a 3-1 loss to Tulane.

Leila McReynolds was named member of the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District VI University Division Women's Soccer Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. *RF*



USM (insert position) Leila McReynolds (#16) battles UAB player Denise Peters (#20) for the ball and field position. Photo by Mark Farmer



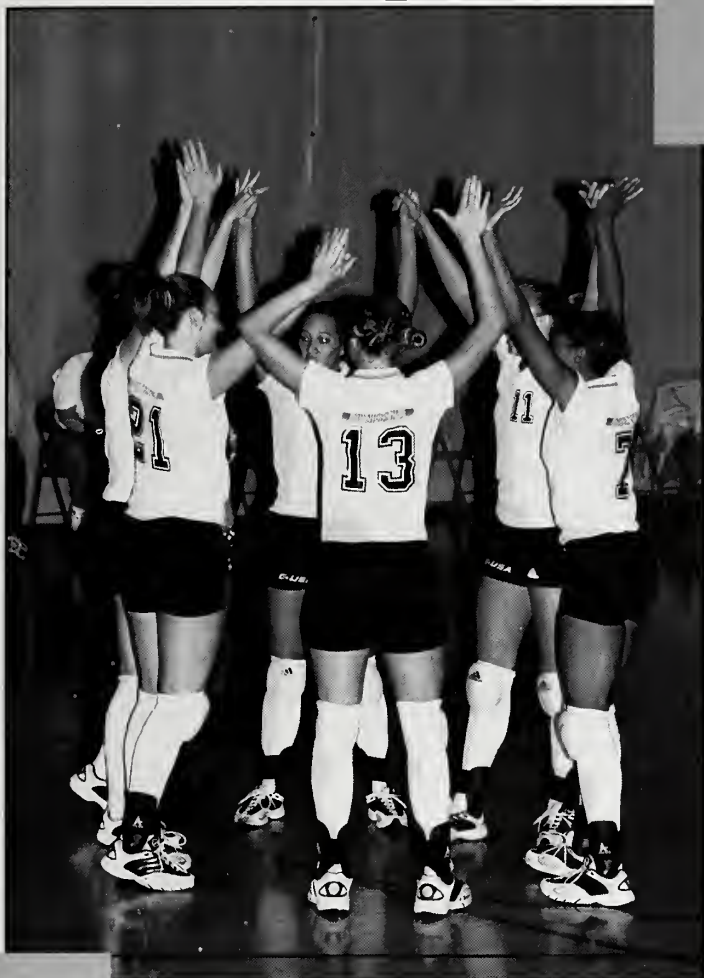
USM goalie Leslie Schoeple intercepts the ball's path and denies UAB the chance to score. Photo by Mark Farmer

By Amanda Gilbert



# caught in the net

## Lady Eagle Volleyball



We are building for the future, and I think we are taking the right step in the right direction.

- Coach Restrepo

The USM volleyball team is one of the smallest teams out there, but what they lack in size, they make up in plays.

Santiago Restrepo, the new coach for the team, said that having a small team is good because it makes them tough. Also, there's only one team member graduating, so it can only get better.


Defense played a crucial part in the season because of the size of the team. By next year, Restrepo thinks USM will have one of the best defensive teams around.

He also said that the starters have been crucial to the success of the team, as well. Andrea Bush, Bridget

Files, Crystal Zane, Melissa Shreve, and Nicki Tribble have given their all to ensure a successful run for the team.

Although the team was 9-19 this season, Restrepo is very optimistic about the future. "For the most part, I thought we did well. We are building for the future, and I think we are taking the right step in the right direction."

Restrepo, who worked as an assistant coach at Saint Louis University, knows exactly what he's talking about. He has had over twenty years' experience coaching volleyball. Some of his players feel that they are better than they have ever been because he is always pushing them to do their best.

Restrepo, always the optimist, added, "I think we have a bunch of very hard working individuals. They have made many strides forward, and I hope we continue to make many strides forward." 



by Chris Deschamp

# Ladies & Mens golf

by Elizabeth Salde  
photo by Bert King

# Cross Country

By Amanda Gilbert

The Lady Eagle golf team, comprised of five sophomores and three freshmen, proved they could play well together this year, according to Coach Julie Gallup. "I think we had a really slow start," Gallup said. "The team played well in Conference. I'm really proud of the way they finished up." At Conference, the Lady Eagles shot an average of 305.

Most of the girls on the team started playing when they were fairly young. Even though their long-term experience has equipped them with skills they need to be good players, Coach Gallup offered ways to make them excel. This year, the team worked with sports psychologist Dr. Hewes on learning how to focus and with Gallup's husband on course management.

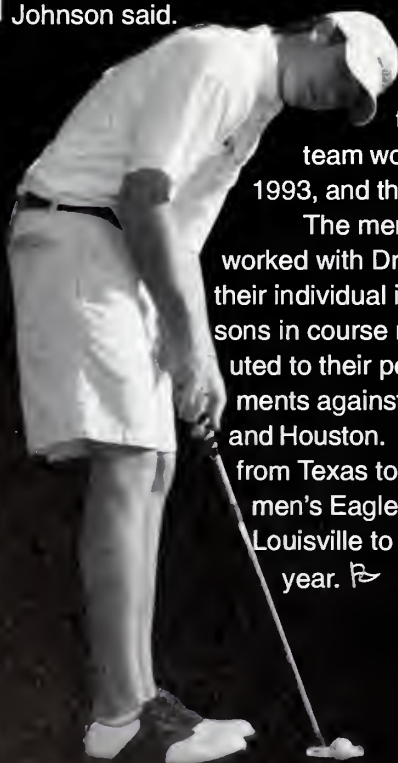
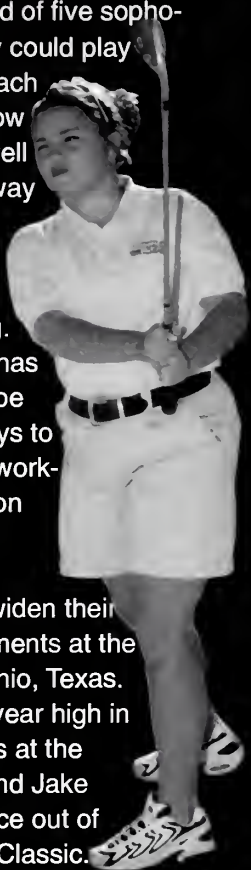
Next year, the Lady Eagles plan to widen their scope of opponents and play in tournaments at the University of Louisville and in San Antonio, Texas.

The men's golf team started off the year high in the ranking, winning 1st out of 13 teams at the Raising Cane Classic. Tim Yelverton and Jake Pasch led the Golden Eagles to 1st place out of 12 teams in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic.

Coach Steve Johnson says the team has done an outstanding job. "They pretty much set the record book," Johnson said.

"They have the lowest stroke average in the program's history." The last time the team won a tournament was in 1993, and they won twice this year.

The men's golf team also worked with Dr. Hewes along with their individual instructors. Their lessons in course management contributed to their performance in tournaments against teams like TCU, UAB and Houston. Playing in tournaments from Texas to the East Coast, the men's Eagle golf team will also add Louisville to the agenda for next year. *R*



The women's cross-country team had a great 2001-2002 season. Southern Miss' Janet Rono competed in the 2001 NCAA National Cross Country Championship, in Greenville, S.C., finishing 90th overall out of 249 runners, with a time of 22:03 over the 6K-course. Rono was the first Southern Miss cross-

country runner to compete in the national meet. The team also won the 2001 MC All Mississippi Invitational.

The Southern Miss women's cross country team posted its highest finish at the Conference USA Cross Country Championships when they finished eighth. Dena Dunn-Reif is the head coach. *R*



# Track & Field



Eric Lyons



# Ladies & Men's tennis

Special to the *Southerner*  
photo by Mark Farmer

The Lady Eagle tennis team got off to a rough start and couldn't find the momentum to turn their season around.

The Lady Eagles started the season with a four game losing streak. The tone was set, but the Eagles wouldn't give up so easily.

The Lady Eagles never gained consecutive wins, despite their nine match losing streak.

The Lady Eagles were tossed from the first round of the C-USA Women's Tennis Tournament in Fort Worth, Texas. Seed No. 3 Marquette defeated No. 14 seed USM 4-0.

With this season behind them the Lady Eagles refuse to lose faith. They will return next season with high hopes.

The Eagles had a mediocre season that led them up to the third round of the C-USA Tennis Tournament.

A three match losing streak in the first three matches soon turned into a strong finish toward the end of the season. The Eagles went into tournament play with a strength and confidence.

A three match winning streak gave the Eagles strength and momentum going into the C-USA Tournament.

Winning the first round against Charlotte 4-3, the Eagles advanced to the second round and faced No. 1 seed TCU. The No. 9 seeded USM was defeated by TCU, but moved on to the third round. In the third round No. 6 UAB defeated Southern Miss.

The Eagles along with the Lady Eagles will return to the courts next spring to compete and capitalize on the past season's mistakes and improve their standings within Conference USA.

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The Southern Miss men's and women's outdoor track and field teams overcame many great athletic feats at the Southern Miss Invitational. One of the many highlights was Eric Lyon's new school record-setting throw in the hammer with 131 feet, which was good enough to finish second at the meet. Golden Eagle Noah Bryant finished third with a throw of 124 feet, 8 inches, and Casey McGehee was sixth with a throw of 106 feet, 11 inches. Bryan Bruner was first in the shot put

with a throw of 53 inches, 7.75 inches and finished second in the discus event with a throw of 151 feet, 6 inches. Noah Bryant was third in the discus with a throw of 144 feet, 10 inches. Matt Fant was third in the pole vault with a jump of 13 feet, 6.25 inches. Cedric Norman and Michael Hardrick finished first and second in the high jump 6 feet, 9.75 inches and 6 feet, 6 inches. Shane Brandford was first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.67 seconds.

Tavius Freeman came in third in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.91.

The Lady Eagles had 21 athletes who finished eighth or better in 13 events. Prudence Reid was first in the 100 with a time of 11.77. Jessica Crump finished first in the 400-meter with a time of 56.62. Janet Rono and Oby Amadi finished second and third in the 800-meter with times of 2 minutes, 19.16 seconds and 2:19.44. Rono won 1,500 meters with a time of 4:40.13.

The 4x100-meter relay team won with a time of 46.68 and the 4x400-meter relay team finished third with a time of 4:01.15.

Kate Juedes won the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 6 inches. Sabrina Norwood finished third with 5 feet, 6 inches. Tamara Dayes was second in the shot put with a toss of 44 feet, 0.75 inches, and Michelle Zorn had a throw of 42 inches in the shot to finish third. Dayes was first in the hammer with a throw of 146 feet, 2 inches. R

By Amanda Gilbert  
Photo by King Photography



**KID FROM DOWN UNDER**  
Pitcher, Nick Tilbrook winds up for the pitch during a game. The left handed pitcher from Wakley, Australia, made his debut this spring and specializes in fast ball, curve and changeup.  
Photo by King Photography.



# road to victory

## eagle baseball

Special to the *Southerner*

The Eagles, led by Coach Corky Palmer, kicked the season off right with a winning streak and the pace hasn't slowed. The Eagles have dominated in out-of-conference and in conference play with an impressive record.

Before the East Carolina and Tulane series, the Eagles enter with a record of 30-16 overall and 13-7 in C-USA.

The Mississippi State doubleheader was one of the biggest sell outs of the season. Mississippi State won the first game 19-2.

However, the second time around the Eagles weren't going to lose in their backyard. The Eagles defeated the Bulldogs in the second game 6-3.

The in state rivalry game was only preparation and conditioning for what they will face during tournament play.

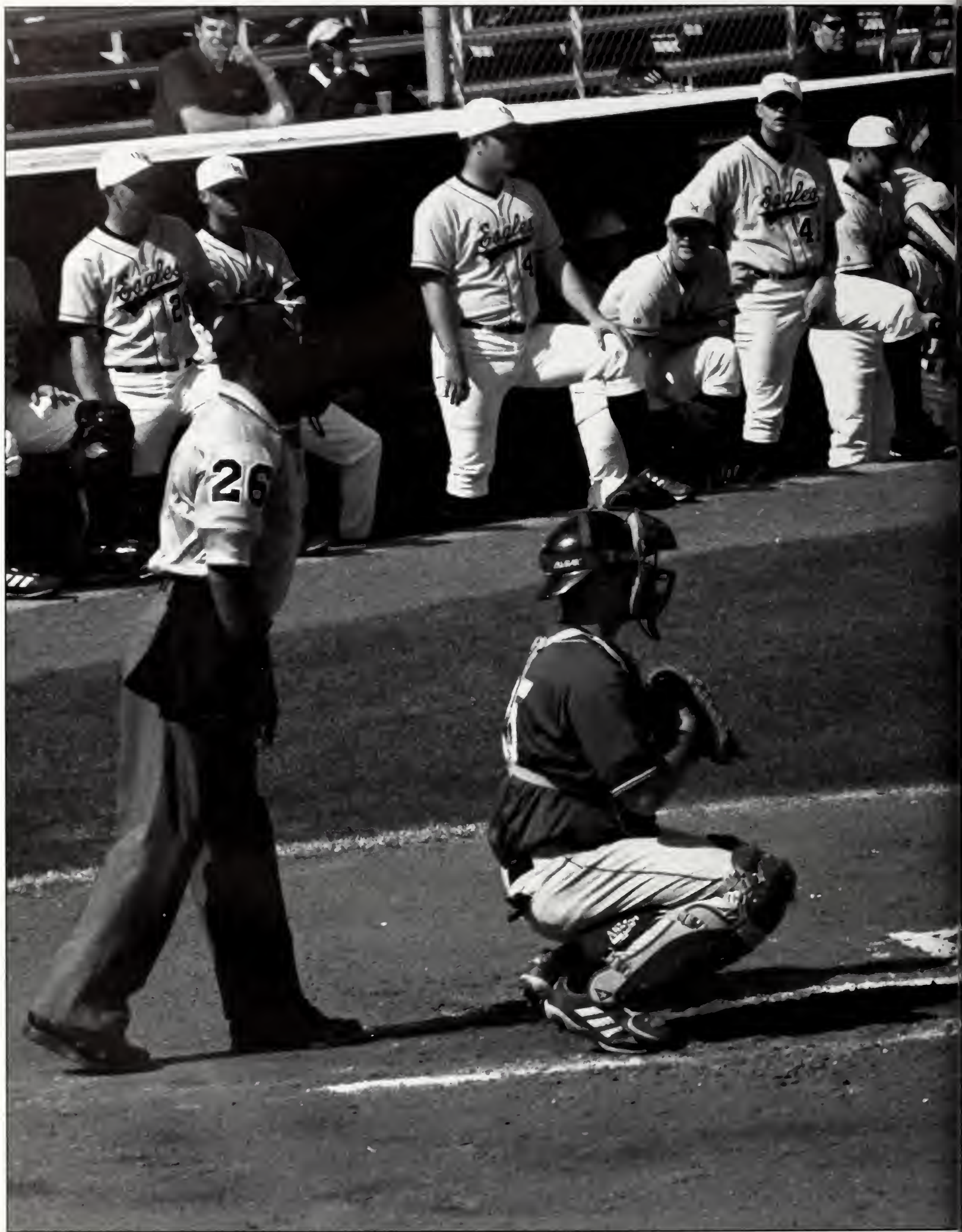
The Eagles handled road play fairly well with few losses, but like most other teams, their strength lies in a good home crowd.

The season is winding down and the Eagles are preparing for the C-USA Baseball Tournament in which they expect to seed undoubtedly high.

The Eagles, throughout the season, will rise to the occasion and last the duration of the tournament. If the Eagles come out on top in tournament action, they may have a chance of hosting a regional here in front of their home crowd. *RF*



**FACE IN THE DIRT**  
An unidentified Southern Miss player slides into base.  
Photo by Mark Farmer







#### BATTER UP

Center, Brad Willcut steps up to the plate during the triple header season opener against Lipscomb. Photos by Mark Farmer



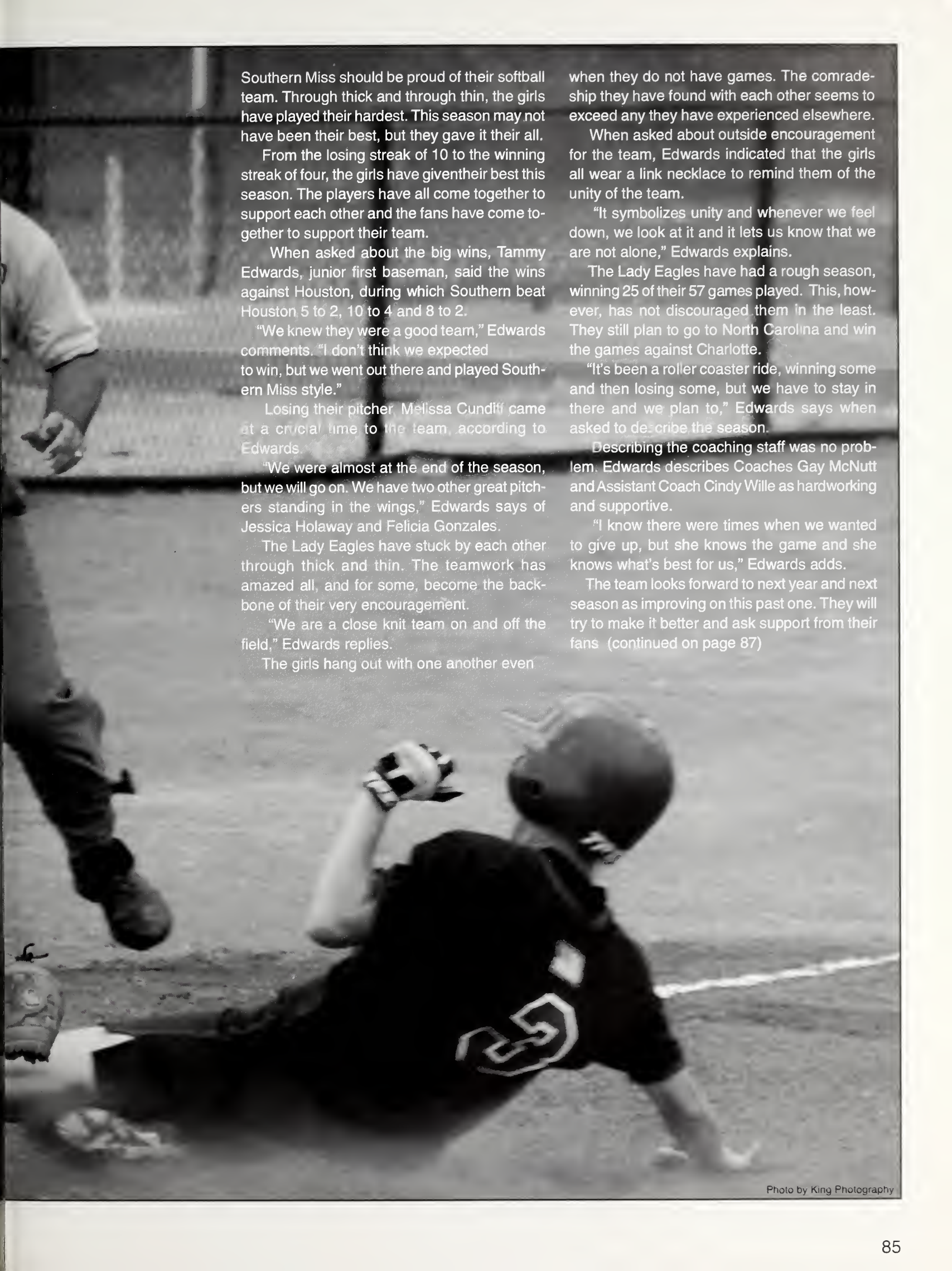


# playing hardball

## lady eagle softball

by Kathryn Hadlow





Southern Miss should be proud of their softball team. Through thick and through thin, the girls have played their hardest. This season may not have been their best, but they gave it their all.

From the losing streak of 10 to the winning streak of four, the girls have given their best this season. The players have all come together to support each other and the fans have come together to support their team.

When asked about the big wins, Tammy Edwards, junior first baseman, said the wins against Houston, during which Southern beat Houston 5 to 2, 10 to 4 and 8 to 2.

"We knew they were a good team," Edwards comments. "I don't think we expected to win, but we went out there and played Southern Miss style."

Losing their pitcher, Melissa Cundiff, came at a crucial time to the team, according to Edwards.

"We were almost at the end of the season, but we will go on. We have two other great pitchers standing in the wings," Edwards says of Jessica Holaway and Felicia Gonzales.

The Lady Eagles have stuck by each other through thick and thin. The teamwork has amazed all, and for some, become the backbone of their very encouragement.

"We are a close knit team on and off the field," Edwards replies.

The girls hang out with one another even

when they do not have games. The comradeship they have found with each other seems to exceed any they have experienced elsewhere.

When asked about outside encouragement for the team, Edwards indicated that the girls all wear a link necklace to remind them of the unity of the team.

"It symbolizes unity and whenever we feel down, we look at it and it lets us know that we are not alone," Edwards explains.

The Lady Eagles have had a rough season, winning 25 of their 57 games played. This, however, has not discouraged them in the least. They still plan to go to North Carolina and win the games against Charlotte.

"It's been a roller coaster ride, winning some and then losing some, but we have to stay in there and we plan to," Edwards says when asked to describe the season.

Describing the coaching staff was no problem. Edwards describes Coaches Gay McNutt and Assistant Coach Cindy Wille as hardworking and supportive.

"I know there were times when we wanted to give up, but she knows the game and she knows what's best for us," Edwards adds.

The team looks forward to next year and next season as improving on this past one. They will try to make it better and ask support from their fans (continued on page 87)







(continued from page 84) "Don't give up on us. We know this season has not been one of our better seasons, but don't give up. Keep coming out and supporting your team," Edwards asks of the Southern Miss fans.

Possibly the most devastating of Southern's losses were the games played against LSU where the Lady Eagles were shut out 0 to 10, 0 to 2, 0 to 1 and then an eager attempt, 1 to 8.

Although on a losing streak of ten right now, the Lady Eagles are not discouraged. They are more determined than ever to win the games against Charlotte on May 4th and 5th.

Earlier on this season, at a game against Louisiana-Lafayette on April 30th, Lady Eagle seniors Channika Gant, Felicia Gonzales, Kristie Martin and Kenya Peters were honored with a special recognition, completing their final home game at Southern Miss.

When Edwards was asked about what she felt were her contributions to the team, she responded, "Being a leader...not like a team captain or anything, but just being a leader. Encouraging people not to give up and trying to keep myself up too."

Another of the big wins for Southern's Lady Eagles were the games they played against UAB, shutting them out all three times the two met, 1 to 0, as well as 4 to 0 the last two games. All three games were played at home, where they have the ongoing support of the Eagle fans.

"We thrive off large crowds. Keep coming out to see us, we appreciate the support," Edwards comments.

To the team, the crowds mean everything. It is a continuous indication that they do have the support that they thrive off. It helps keep them going and builds them up to know that others are there cheering them on.

The Lady Eagles, although battling to recover from their losses, have not given up completely. Neither should the fans. Stick by the team, because they need the support. Have confidence that they will recover and come back twice as good. *B*



Pitcher, Jessica Holaway

#### ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

Laura Davis looks on while her teammate makes a huge dive for the ball during the De Paul series. Photos by Bert King Photography





SM's Men's Rugby team was founded in 1973, and is the longest standing sports club on campus. The club placed third last year at the 22nd annual Battleship Tournament in Mobile, Alabama. The club competes in the Deep South Rugby Union, of the USA Rugby Union. The club competes against all major colleges in the southeast, including Ole Miss, Tulane, Alabama, Auburn, Loyola, SELU and Louisiana Tech. R



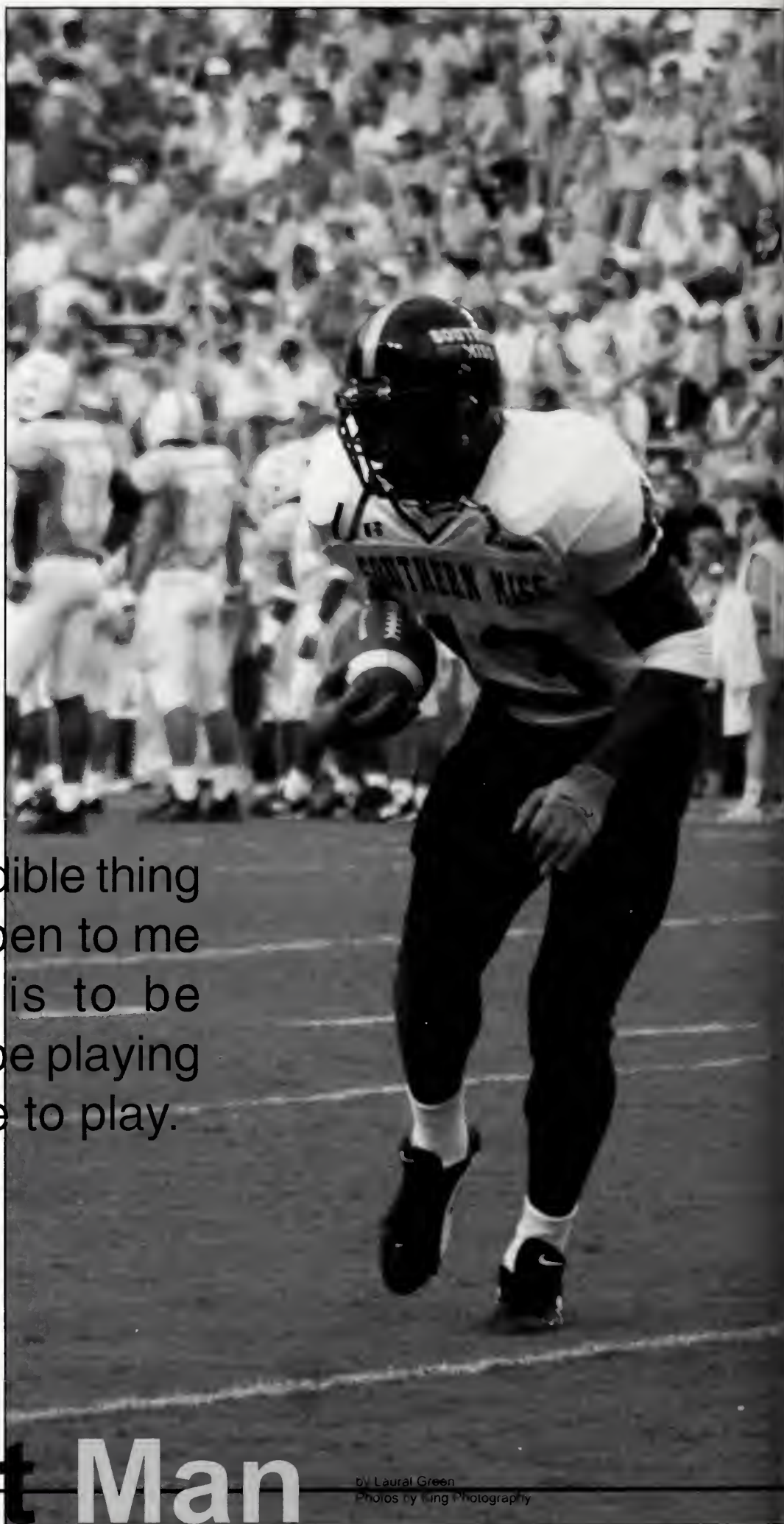
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The most incredible thing that could happen to me in five years is to be healthy and to be playing the game I love to play.



# ~~Rocket~~ Man

by Laurel Green  
Photos by King Photography



Derrick Nix in action during the Tennessee game before his injury in 2000.

# 43 derrick nix



He was named one of the top running backs in the nation by Lindy's Preview Magazine and Sporting News. He also received awards from 2001 Sheet and Smiths' All Conference USA and 2001 Althlon Sports and The Sporting News Preseason All Conference USA and many other unmentioned awards. With titles like these, one would think Derrick Nix, running back for USM Golden Eagles might be a bit conceited. Meeting him tells a much different story. The 6 feet 2 inches tall, 232 pound senior from Alabama is as down to earth and approachable as the everyday college student. This may be because he has had his challenges. Complications associated with antibiotics resulting in kidney problems and an injury to his ankle both contributed to his being out for the 2000 season. However, he was able to make a comeback in 2001.

Because of these challenges, he seems to be more appreciative of being able to play football. "God and hard work got me through it," he said. "I'm happy just to have been given the chance to play again." Nix had many other scholarship offers from various schools to play football for them, but he decided on Southern Miss. One of the reasons is because there is a family connection to USM. His brother Tyrone Nix is the current

defensive coordinator for the Eagles. This connection and the fact that Coach Bower stood by him through his illness and injury has helped make his years more memorable. "Throughout the whole illness, I knew coach would not give up on me," Nix said. "He was always positive with me, telling me to take time getting well."

Nix knows football is not everything in life; he is majoring in sports administration. He values the education he receives. "I get up every day because I have a free education," he said. "I know a lot of people at home who wish they had their books paid. I have housing, food - everything paid for." Nix feels his job contains two parts: that which is done on the field and the educational experience in the classroom. "I have seen a lot of guys come and go who cannot do both," he said. "I want to do both. I am here for a degree - not just for football." He does love football, however, and he sees himself doing it for many years. "The most incredible thing that could happen to me in five years is to be healthy and to be playing the game I love to play." Derrick Nix is a good student and a great football player who has his priorities straight. He will go far in life no matter what he finds himself doing. *R*



Photo by Mark Farmer



# Athlete

## *Track and Field: Going the Distance*

By Amanda Gilbert

There is one word that fully describes the Southern Miss men's and women's track and field team: dedication. They excel at their respective sport with no publicity, little funding, and minute university support. The team practices two hours every day in the hottest part of the day and do not complain. They run for themselves and their university and do the best they can.

This is the very sport that produced Hellenia Wrappah, a 2000 Summer Track and Field Olympian for her native Ghana, West Africa. What do they get for all of their accomplishments: cut scholarships, stands taken away and given to other sports, no track lighting for outdoor meets, little publicity, and no interest from the university.

Yet, through all of these trials this team has found inspiration within themselves. Each day they go out there, the team focuses on his or her performance, not anything that they can't help.

"Track and field is called a nonrevenue sport by the university," said head coach Wayne Williams,

"That is a hard title to overcome."

"A few years ago we had to put cars onto the infield and turn on their lights so we could finish the meet," said Jessica Crump, middle distance runner, "I don't know of any other sport that has the problems we have."

The budget cuts have greatly impacted what the track and field team can and cannot do. Indoor track and

field and men's cross-country was cut, the USM team is at a disadvantage competitively when they enter the season. With everything that has been thrown at them, the university expects that the team can be competitive with teams from the SEC, but that is not the case.


"It doesn't bother me that regular

people don't notice us but when the university cuts our programs and expects us to compete with the rest of the country competitively, I don't know what they are thinking," said Bryan Bruner, specialist in weight throw, shot put and discus.

"The only fans that come are the other team," said Jessica Crump. "Even if we had home support our temporary stands were given to the softball team so we don't have any room for our fans as it is."

The track and field team, despite the plaguing problems, has done well in Conference USA action. Jessica Crump took first place in the 800 meters, Hope Sinclair took first place in the heptathlon, and Tamara Dayes took first in the discus. Wenston Riley successfully defended his 110-meter hurdle title and was a NCAA All-American.

"They work hard," said Robby McCain, senior biology major and track and field enthusiast. "They deserve any consideration the school can give them."

Dedication is a word that is thrown around a lot in other sports but with track and field it takes on a great deal of significance. On May 10, 2002 when thousands of students attend commencement at Reed Green Coliseum, the track and field team will be in Louisville, Kentucky for the Conference USA Championships. Bruner will skip graduation (he is getting a Bachelor of Science for Computer Science) to compete with his teammates and hopes to win one last title. You do not get any more dedicated than that. 

“The only time I fail is when I quit trying; with track and field I never quit trying.”

-Jessica Crump  
Junior, Psychology

# Southern GREEKS

The Greek way of life on the Southern Miss campus this year meant staying actively involved in events while maintaining a good GPA.

Greek life this year involved not only members of fraternities and sororities but also non-Greek USM students and the Hattiesburg community.

“Getting involved in Greek life is a wonderful way to serve the community ...”

- Melissa Lechner  
Panhellenic President

Events such as Trick-a-Treat on Greek Street, XΩ's 50th annual Songfest, ΣΑΕ's Charity Bowl, ΑΦΑ's Mandingo Fest and ΩΨΦ/ ΔΣΘ's Que/Delta Week reaches past the walls of chapter rooms and frat houses to include everyone interested. “Getting involved in Greek Life is a wonderful way to serve the community, USM campus, improve scholarship and make lasting friendships” said Panhellenic President Melissa Lechner.

For Greek life on the campus, it embodies the soul of the USM student -- Greek or not.







# @ USM First:



**Top:** Stacy Tompkins and USM beauty Beth Francis

**Left:** Winner, Stacy Tompkins

**Right:** (Left to Right) Jennifer Adcock, Beth Francis, Staci Tompkins, Beverly Sission, Beth Richards

**Photos submitted**

By Dana Luquire

The ladies of Kappa Delta sorority took the initiative to bring back an old tradition at the University of Southern Mississippi. Several years ago, an annual beauty pageant was held at USM but was discontinued years ago. Kappa Delta felt as though it was an important tradition that should be brought back to USM. Suzanne Shows, director of the pageant, stated, "I felt it was a good idea to bring the pageant back because we wanted to bring the tradition back and include the entire

university in a charitable event. It was a great success and we can't wait until next year."

This year, 21 contestants competed in Kappa Delta's "Parade of Beauties". The contestants competed in evening gown and on stage interview. Staci Tompkins was crowned as "Most Beautiful" and Jennifer Adcock, Beth Francis, Beth Richards, and Beverly Sission were named as USM beauties. Kappa Delta donated all proceeds to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and plans to continue the pageant annually.



# KΔ Beauty Review



Top: Beth Richards

Left: Jennifer Adcock

Both contestants were crowned USM beauties at KΔ's beauty review *Photo Submitted*



# Alpha Delta Pi

Chapter: ETA ZETA



NICKNAME: "A D Pi"

MOTTO: "We live for each other"

COLORS: Azure blue and white

MASCOT: "Alphie" the Lion





The ladies of the Eta Zeta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the first secret society for women.

Alpha Delta Pi's are proud to have representatives on campus. From Southern Style members to Golden Girls to the Pride of Mississippi Marching Band members to Student Printz reporters, Alpha Delta Pi's are active on campus.

Members also participate in other sorority and fraternity philanthropies, such as the Chi Omega Songfest, Sigma Chi's Derby Days, and Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash. In addition to these, Alpha Delta Pi hosts its annual "Rock-n-Bowl" with the proceeds going to their national philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House. The chapter also donates time and resources to the local Domestic Abuse Shelter.

The ladies of Alpha Delta Pi truly exemplify their motto, "We live for each other", because sisterhood is not just a word, but also a way of life here at the University of Southern Mississippi.



**Top:** New Executives  
Back Row: Jessica White, Jennifer Petticrew, Christen Heidingsfelder, Genia Williams  
Front Row: Kim Thomas, Tai Curry, Lisa Scovel, Shana Doyle

**Right:** AΔΠ's Amy Corley, Jessica Neely, and Tracy Carr at Rock-n-Bowl.



## The Ladies Of ALPHA DELTA PI

Jennifer Baker  
Lindsay Beasley  
Casey Burk  
Tracy Carr  
Catherine Childress  
Amy Clark  
Amy Corley  
Tai Curry  
Shana Doyle  
Allison Elvert  
Faith Harris  
April Lammons  
Steffany Lapointe  
Carrie Manhart  
Laura Pearce  
Jennifer Petticrew  
Rebecca Raeck  
Mederra Saul

Emily Schoenoff  
Lisa Scovel  
Kimberly Thomas  
Elishia Vandiver  
Jessica White  
Eugenia Williams  
Melanie Anderson  
Jennifer Bell  
Lisa Cliburn  
Whitney Dennis  
Christen Heidingsfelder  
Nicole McDonald  
Jessica Neely  
Lauren Nickas  
Jessica Richardson  
Celeste Sutherland  
Stephanie White  
Kelly Williams

# Alpha Kappa Alpha

## Chapter: IOTA KAPPA



### The Ladies Of Alpha Kappa Alpha

Christina Berry	Zakiyyah Shaheed
Tammara Catchings	Sharrieffah Sharrieff
Shatonya Causey	Carol Taylor
Monique Cunningham	Lakesha Trotter
Danyella Davis	Beverly Walker
Lasonia Dedeaux	Rashida Wilson
Nivea Depriest	Kathryn Winfrey
Kimberlee Drake	Shavonda Winters
Jillian Evans	Kenitra Barnes
Rosie Gillispie	Venus Bullet
Tekla Green	Natasha Casely-Hayford
Letina Guice	Stephanie Daniels
Courtney Henry	Desiree Evans
Demetrice Hoskins	Andreana Gambrell
Kamecia Hoskins	Chrystal Haynes
Carla Hughes	Vashaundra Hill
Tamekka Jamison	Nykela Horne
Valerie Johnson	Kerri Jones
Carol Jones	Valeni Jones
Myra Marshall	Kendra Malone
Latasha McBride	Nicole Martin
Erica Miller	Riann Martin
Garlyn Mohler	Letoya McClay
Lanita Neal	Melissa Phillips
Gwenyth Oquine	Shalunda Poe
Yolanda Owens	Nisha Richmond
Meredith Robertson	Rita Nunn
	Tanya Larry

By Kerri Jones

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the oldest Greek letter organization in America, established by African-American women. On April 12, 1974, Iota Kappa was the first NPHC chapter to be chartered on USM's campus.

The ladies of Iota Kappa have been instrumental in the development of leadership, scholarship, and philanthropy among young ladies by providing opportunities for educational and social prosperity. Education, health, the black family, economic empowerment, and the arts are specific target areas in which the sorority emphasizes and are the blueprint that Alpha Kappa Alpha follows each year to accomplish its goals. The charter has strived to be "supreme in service to all mankind" by implementing a myriad of community service projects and events.

The Iota Kappa chapter hosts their annual Ivy Day. This is a carnival where other Greek and student organizations on campus are invited to set up various booths and games at Pride Field for children of the community. The annual Mr. Esquire pageant is held as an uplifting and constructive project for young African-American men on campus. In addition to these events, the newest and most innovative philanthropy that AKA has taken on is entitled "Girls Night Out." This is an event in which local preteen girls from the area Boys' and Girls' and Aldersgate participate in a night full of educational programming and fun activities. "By culture and merit" the sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha epitomize the spirit of sisterhood and service through their lifelong dedication to the campus as well as the surrounding community.



# Alpha Phi Alpha

## Chapter: MU XI

### The Men Of ALPHA PHI ALPHA

Jason Brown  
Lenton Johnson  
Labaron Massey  
Mack Pampley  
Herman Porter  
Bryant Richards  
Christopher Tobias  
Derrick Trussell  
Ollie Bailey  
Terrell Bolton Jr.  
Leroy Brown

Dennis Clark  
Moses Fox  
George Grace  
Will Higgins  
Richard Johnson  
Jonathan Smith  
Absalom Thomas  
Kendrick Vaughn  
Carl Washington  
Reginald Woods  
Amonde Younger



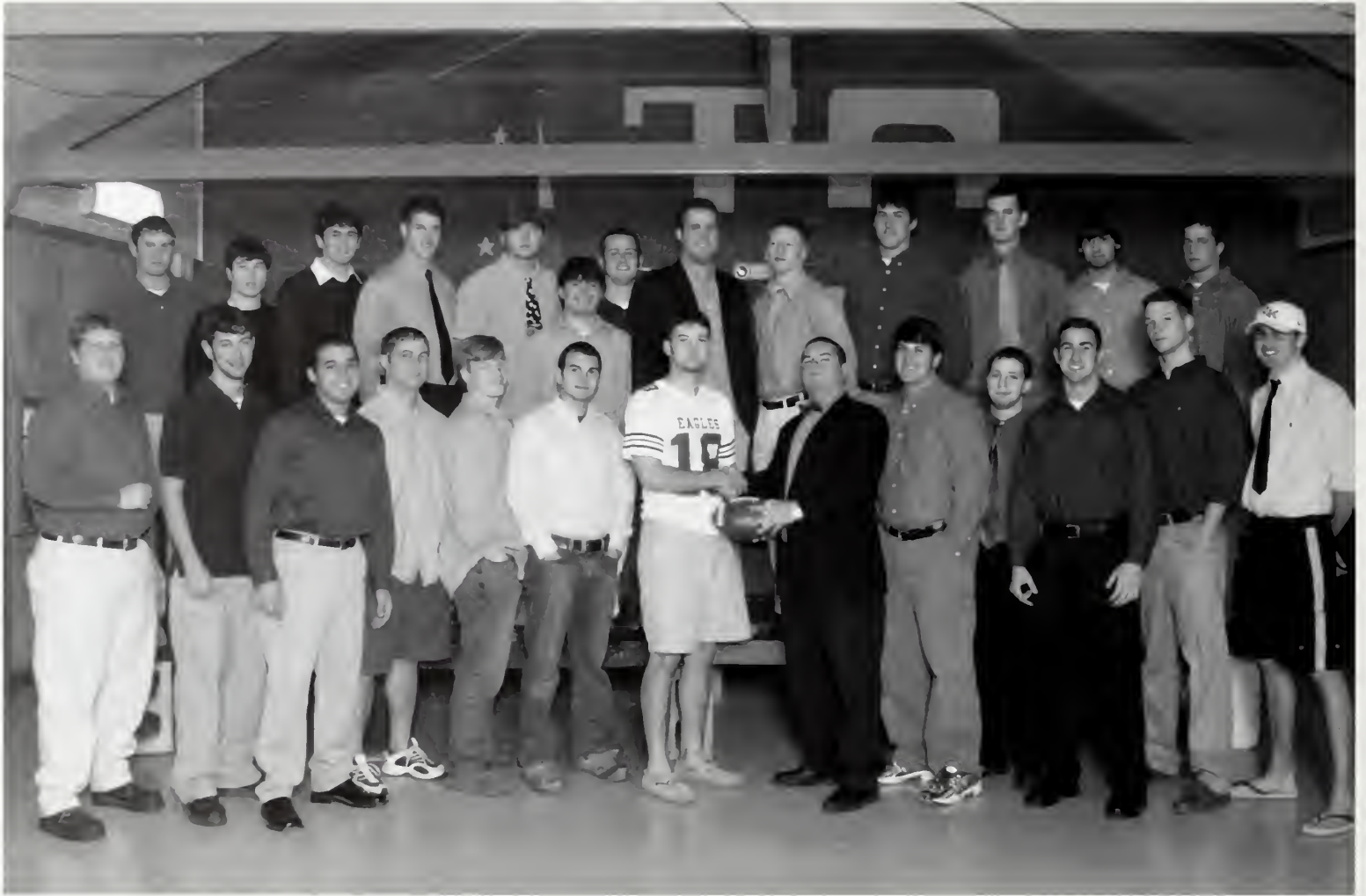
By Jason Brown

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated was founded December 6, 1906, on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. As the first and oldest collegiate fraternity founded by black men, Alpha Phi Alpha has grown to become an international fraternity. Over 150,000 men have been initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity since its founding. There are now approximately 375 college chapters on campuses and 375 alumni chapters in 45 states including the District of Columbia, the West Indies, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Virgin Islands.

The Mu Xi chapter, seated at USM, was founded on November 15, 1976, as a metropolitan chapter. It received its charter on the campus in 1982. Since its founding, the brothers of Mu Xi chapter have worked to uphold the motto and ideals as leaders and trailblazers. Alpha men never tire on their quest as servants of all. The brothers of the Mu Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, past and present, continue to hold their heads up high and march onward and upward towards the light.

# Alpha Tau Omega

Chapter: EPSILON UPSILON



NICKNAME: "ATO"

COLORS: Azure Blue and Gold

PHILANTHROPY: Habitat for Humanity and March of Dimes

EVENTS: Viking Party, Haunted House and Crawfish Boil





By Jonah Keller

The Epsilon Upsilon chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity has been an active and influential force on the campus of USM for over 50 years. ATO is the first fraternity on the campus of Southern Mississippi to win the 5-Star Award. The award recognizes the chapter that shows excellence in the areas of academics; financial management; university/community relations and service; campus involvement; and new member education.

In addition to these awards, the Epsilon Upsilon chapter was recognized as one of the top chapters in the nation by receiving the True Merit Award for the third year in a row. True Merit is the highest honor an ATO chapter can receive. It is awarded to a select group of chapters that best demonstrate efficiency, excellence, and overall achievement in programs, personal development, and overall operations of the fraternity. ATO has also won awards locally for community service and nationally for community service, communications, and overall excellence.

ATO prides itself on community service and holding philanthropy events to benefit local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. In October, the ATO house is transformed into a haunted house. The members spend days setting the scenes and decorating the house. The cost to enter is \$5.00 and all money raised goes to Habitat for Humanity. After three nights the chapter wrote a check to Habitat for \$5,000.

This year the brothers will host their 17<sup>th</sup> annual ATO Crawfish Boil with over 5,000 pounds of crawfish, a live band, and a volleyball tournament. The price of tickets is \$10.00 and all the money goes toward Habitat as well. ATO also provides over 1,500 hours of community service to the Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, and Wesley Manor retirement home.

ATO still finds time to provide a full social calendar with events such as Viking Party, White Tea Rose Formal in New Orleans, Valentine's Party, Swaps, road trips to Southern Miss away football games, and band parties after home games.

Alpha Tau Omega strives for success in every aspect of college life while preparing young men with the ability to succeed after graduation. Alpha Tau Omega is the culmination of brotherhood, integrity, excellence, with a bond between brothers "as strong as right itself."



**Above:** ATO's on the row after a day of mud wrestling.

**Right:** ATO perform at King Neptune. *Photo by Mark Farmer*



## THE MEN OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA

Eric Arrant  
Kenneth Barden III  
Ross Barrios  
Brent Belsom  
Daryl Bosarge  
Jonathan Burke  
Anthony Burnell  
Clinton Capdepon  
Gregory Devincent  
William Dixon  
Derek Dupepe  
Steve Efstratiou  
Gabriel Godbold  
Benjamin Guettler  
Thomas Haughton  
Scott Hecker  
Stephen Hecker  
Nicholas Karl  
Todd Keanan  
Jonah Keller  
Craig Kliebert  
Kelly Lambert  
Justin Lanier  
Dylan Meeks  
Robert Moore  
Darby Murphy  
Robert Muzquiz  
Pat Ohara

Damien Perez  
Derrick Procell  
Chad Reilly  
Bill Russell  
Ryan Schemmel  
William Smith  
Bradley Tompkins  
Joseph Tullos  
Quinn Vorhaben  
Mackey Waldvogel  
Jeremy Walz  
Bradford Williams  
Brad Belk  
Chadwick Broome  
Evan Burke  
Jared Carrubba  
Chad King  
Dustin King  
Justin King  
Austin Kirzner  
Sean Landry  
Louis Martin  
Wallace Schaefer  
Cory Sliker  
Jeffrey Stockstill  
Bradley Verrette  
Richard Wagner  
Alex Yazdanov



# Chi Omega

## Chapter: EPSILON DELTA



NICKNAME: "Chi O"

MOTTO: "Hellenic Culture and  
Christian Ideals"

COLORS: Cardinal and Straw

MASCOT: Owl





By Mandi Cowart

The ladies of the Epsilon Delta chapter of Chi Omega celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Songfest this year. Songfest is the longest running philanthropic event at the University of Southern Mississippi. The ladies of Epsilon Delta were proud to present the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi with a \$12,000 check to grant three wishes to terminally ill children.

Chi Omega was also proud to have Malisha Turk represent them as the senior homecoming maid during the 2001 festivities.

Epsilon Delta kept busy this year, taking home first place for standing floats during Homecoming and first place in Chorus Line at the Sigma Chi Derby Days. Chi Omega was awarded for all their hard work at the 2001 Greek Convocation, where they were recognized with the Overall Excellence Award; the Outstanding Fundraiser Award; and President of the Year for Malisha Turk. Epsilon Delta also received the Chi Omega Award of Achievement, one of the highest awards a chapter can receive nationally.

The sisterhood of Chi Omega continues to grow, as does their success within the community.



*Above:* A scene from the XΩ Sisterhood Retreat, taken at The Park in Jackson.

*Right:* XΩ sisters (left to right) Jennifer Duke, Heather Wright, Julie Brant, Keely White, Michelle Bustin, and Katie Jack



## The Ladies Of CHI OMEGA

Christiane Bjork  
Lindsey Blackwell  
Susan Blackwell  
Kara Brewer  
Erin Buchwald  
Amanda Bulman  
Michelle Bustin  
Trishelle Cannatella  
Brittany Caston  
Katherine Chance  
Dallas Connerly  
Amanda Cowart  
Jenny Crawford  
Cassie Crenshaw  
Morgan Flesher  
Angela Fortenberry  
Amy Frye  
Erin Fulkerson  
Deanna Grant  
Angela Gray  
Janet Green  
Lindsay Hagan  
Lindey Haney  
SarahHeath  
Martha Hester  
Lindsey Jack  
Crystal Jones  
Cassidy Kemp  
Hannah Kerns  
Amanda King  
Sarah King  
Summer Langston  
Dana Lewis  
Whitney Long  
Brooke Martin

Shelley McArthur  
Jennifer McShane  
Laura McDade  
Meegan McGee  
Leslie McInnis  
Megan Miller  
Lezlie Moore  
Haley Necaise  
Kristin Nunez  
Katherine Oneal  
Katie Pesses  
Katherine Ricks  
Jillian Rogers  
Rachel Rogers  
Marie Rougelot  
Arriel Saunier  
Carrie Seal  
Katherine  
Simmerman  
Jennifer Skinner  
Gretchen Spring  
Karly Stuart  
Galey Tatum  
Hayley Taylor  
Jessica Taylor  
Shannon Taylor  
Malisha Turk  
Jennifer Turnage  
Azlyn Ward  
Jenna West  
Kelly White  
Stacey Wilkes  
Carley Williams  
Heather Wright  
Erin Bardwell

Brooke Bernamonti  
Julie Brant  
Jennifer Duke  
Leslie Estes  
Lauren Funchess  
Andrea Graham  
Malori Grasha  
Mary Grubbs  
Katharine Haydel  
Lesley Hurst  
Whitney Keyes  
Brandi Knotts  
Sandra Martin  
Katie McShane  
Emily Morrow  
Kristen Neal  
Alicia Nelson  
Sarah Pearson  
Anna Powe  
Nena Rettig  
Leanna Rogers  
Amy Sims  
April Squires  
Melissa Stuard  
Tanya Sullivan  
Leslie Tynes  
Lela Vogt  
Shasta Welch  
Keri White

# Delta Sigma Theta

## Chapter: MU NU



### The Ladies of DELTA SIGMA THETA

Gwenese Booth  
Amber Bradely  
Sheketta Brown  
Christie Brumfield  
Detrius Byrd  
April Calhoun  
Kimberly Carson  
Bridgett Collins  
Jennifer Crosby  
Faith Davis  
LaJuanda Davis  
Renada Hickman Davis  
Anna Dawson  
Darrian Denman  
Valerie Dorsey  
Chandanise Forde  
Jade Fraiser  
Wilecia Galloway  
Lycedia Gasaway  
Stephanie Gates  
Amelia Griffith  
Alisha Hammond  
Tamika Harris  
Nina Hayes  
Rachel Hendricks  
Pamela Jenkins  
Kina Johnson  
Latorria Johnson  
Techandra Johnson  
Dana-Renae Jones

Marlon Jones  
Karen Kelly  
Katheryn Kelly  
Kimberly Kelly  
Kywaili Lawrence  
Everlyn Mays  
Jemina McCarter  
Raven McCoy  
Jacqueline Mitchell  
Regina Moffett  
Lori Murphy  
Sarah Palmer  
Angela Patterson  
Shawndra Price  
Shannon Purnell  
Jasmine Rash  
Kimberly Robinson  
Sabrina Rodgers  
Lashunda Rucker  
Devin Sanders  
Katrina Sandifer  
Tiffany Simpson  
Jamila Stovall  
Rilecia Swayze  
Kimberly Taylor  
Princess Thompson  
Lori Vaughn  
Dorian Wallace  
Monica Watley  
Shenarick Williams

By Angela Patterson

Since 1975, the Mu Nu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta has worked tirelessly to serve the community and represent their principles of sisterhood, scholarship and service. In the 2001-2002 school year, the story remained the same. The chapter received numerous awards, including Outstanding NPHC Chapter President, Outstanding NPHC Public Relations and winner of the 2001 NPHC week step show.

In the community, the ladies made sizable donations to Westpoint Baptist Church and Aldersgate Mission; they have also sponsored individuals in the community by purchasing clothing and other goods. Delta Sigma Theta makes the effort to present quality programming for the student body. Programs such as My Sister, My Self, AIDS Awareness, and Sexual Assault Awareness were very well received.

The chapter's largest philanthropy event is Que-Delta Week, which they hold in conjunction with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The week is full of events that target both the USM and Hattiesburg communities while fulfilling objectives set forth by each group's national headquarters. The proceeds from the event, which have been as much as \$15,000 in the past, will be donated to local and national organizations.



# Delta Tau Delta

## Chapter: ZETA CHI

### The Men of DELTA TAU DELTA

Ray Boudreau	Charles Page
Wesley Boudreau	Kevin Patterson
Robert Brigman	Daniel Pocase
Steph Byrd	Stephen Pokorski
David Delatte	Michael Proia
Micheal Dodge	John Smalley
Robert Eubanks	Thomas Springston
Matthew Gandofi	Nathan Taylor
Bradley Garrett	Matthew Trahan
Matthew Goff	Edward Hoffman
Jeffrey Kilbert	Chad Anderson
Jeffrey Lee	Daniel Blankenship
Adam Neighbors	Jonathan Hoffmann
	Christian Rizzo



By Daniel E. Pocase

Since their charter on April 13, 1986, the men of Delta Tau Delta have upheld their mission of "Committed to Lives of Excellence". by raising the bar through balanced academics, philanthropy and campus leadership. The Zeta Chi Chapter has consistently remained in one of the top three positions for academics as they strive for excellence. The Delts earned second on campus, receiving "four stars" in the newly initiated five-star program.

Nine years of dedication to the Christmas Mega Garage Sale, sponsored by the Association of Office Professionals, earned the Humanitarian Award for this year. Over \$1,000 was raised to support United Way. The men of Delta Tau Delta have taken part in many other fundraising activities, such as the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Challenge titled Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis and the Second Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, for which Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny Dupree served as the honorary referee.

Delta Tau Delta never falters in leading their men to excellence. The Hugh Shields Award, given by Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity to the top 10 chapters, was bestowed upon the Zeta Chi Chapter for the ninth time. This year denotes the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Delta Tau Delta on the USM campus. These men, led by the ideals of truth, courage, faith and power, continue to excel as they endeavor toward the successes of life.

# Delta Delta Delta

## Chapter: PHI EPSILON



NICKNAME: "Tri Delta"

MOTTO: "Let Us Steadfastly Love One Another"

COLORS: Silver, Blue, and Gold

MASCOT: Dolphin





By Elizabeth Nichols

The ladies of the Phi Epsilon Chapter of Delta Delta Delta celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the USM campus this fall. Tri Deltas have always been very active in campus activities such as SGA, Southern Style, Eagle Connection, Greek Seekers, Dixie Darlings, Golden Girls and several honor societies.

Tri Deltas participate in many philanthropic events throughout the year. This year they served food at a local soup kitchen, donated school supplies to local schools, and volunteered at Zoo Boo at the Hattiesburg Zoo.

Tri Deltas are also involved with Greek philanthropy events on campus. They won overall in Chi Omega's Songfest and Sigma Chi's Derby Days. In their own philanthropy, Frats at Bat, Tri Deltas raised over \$13,000 for St. Jude.

Tri Deltas enjoy many social events during the years including Crush, Founder's Day, Apple Polishing, Dolphin Daze, and the Stars and Crescent Ball.



*Above:* ΔΔΔ officers (back row) Ashley McDill, Melissa Brown, Jana Phillips, Amanda Craft, Johnell Wieniewitz, Brandi Mayhall, Amy Cuevas, Kellen Higginbotham, Paige Williamson (front row) Sarah Johnson, Allison Gouaux, Katie Lee, Susanna Stringer, Sarah Davidson, Esther Turner, Laura Bennet



*Right:* ΔΔΔ sisters display the Delta symbol.

## The Ladies of Delta Delta Delta

Jennifer Adcock  
Ellen Baylis  
Emily Berner  
Kimberly Bishop  
Bethany Boone  
Kathryn Bourne  
Kristin Brown  
Melissa Brown  
Kimberly Cox  
Amanda Craft  
Amy Cuevas  
Sarah Davidson  
Julie Defatta  
Carol Durham  
Allison Dyess  
Ellen Forshag  
Elizabeth Francis  
Michal Gass  
Ashley Gremillion  
Holly Haynes  
Katie Hinkle  
Lindsay Hopper  
Katherine Jenks  
Catherine Kent  
Dana Knight  
Kelly Koonce  
Ashlee Ladner  
Amanda Little  
Jessica Loflin  
Sarah Logan  
Lauren Mahoney  
Kristina Marques  
Jennifer Mateer  
Brandi Mayhall  
Ashley McDill  
Lori Ann Meadows  
Camille Elizabeth  
Susan Moak  
Amanda Morgan  
Mendy Myers  
Elizabeth Nichols  
Joy Poole  
Elizabeth Porter  
Tessa Pousson

Lauren Reece  
Rebecca Richards  
Heidi Schwartzmann  
Lorin Singletary  
Jill Smith  
Pamela Standridge  
Susanna Stringer  
Laura Strong  
Keeley Tieperman  
Lori Tieperman  
Kelli Tumlin  
Nikki Tumison  
Ester Turner  
Jamie Walker  
Rachel Weeks  
Lyndsay Whitton  
Tara Wieniewitz  
Jennifer Williamson  
Courtney Armstrong  
Ashley Bain  
Laura Bennet  
Sarah Clark  
Shellie Covington  
Kristen Culpepper  
Heather Downey  
Katharine Duff  
Melessa Engle  
Karla Gagnawere  
Allison Gouaux  
Mary Guest  
Jessica Harris  
Marjorie Heltzel  
Kellen Higginbotham  
Kaleena Ingram  
Sarah Johnson  
Laura Lewis  
Kesey Meeks  
Kathryn Scruggs  
Allison Sims  
Kathryn Singley  
Anna Smith  
Whitney Wallace  
Melissa Wells

# Delta Gamma

Chapter: DELTA PI

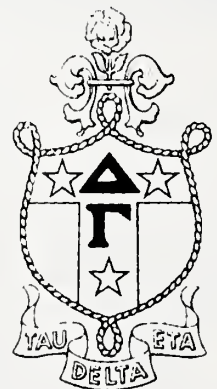


NICKNAME: "Dee Gee"

MOTTO: "Do Good"

COLORS: Bronze, Pink, and Blue

MASCOT: Raggedy Ann Doll  
(Hannah) and Golden Anchor





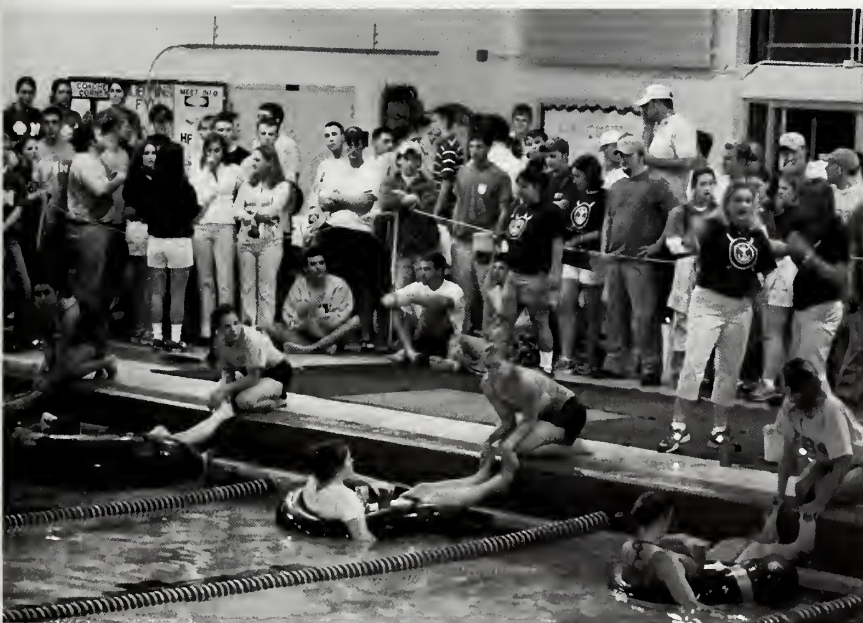
By Susan Weldon

This year marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Delta Pi Chapter of Delta Gamma at Southern Miss.

DGs have firmly established themselves as leaders in every facet of student life, academics, Panhellenic, community service and many other campus organizations and activities. DGs have been SGA presidents, Miss USMs, Homecoming Queens, Dixie Darlings, Southern Misses, Southern Style members, Panhellenic presidents, Rhodes Scholar nominees, Hall of Fame Inductees and fraternity sweethearts.

This year, the chapter pledged 30 eager women after formal recruitment. Delta Gamma took home the overall winner trophy at Chi Omega's Songfest, as well as placing first in creativity. During Sigma Chi's Derby Days, Delta Gamma's rendition of "The Matrix" cinched first place at Chorus Line and ensured third place overall in Derby days. DGs were also the overall winner at Alpha Delta Pi's Rock-n-Bowl. Delta Gamma's new members class GPA was the first among all of the sorority new members class GPAs. During the summer 2001 National Convention, Delta Pi Chapter was recognized nationally with the Founders' Award, and award given to the chapter that best embodies the spirit of the three founders.

Delta Gamma sisterhood is constantly being strengthened by sisterhood retreats, community service activities and other sisterhood activities.



**Above:** A scene from ΔΓ's philanthropy event "Anchor Splash". Photo by Mark Farmer

**Right:** ΔΓ members Jamie Hasty and Kelly Logan. Photo by Mark Farmer



## The Ladies Of DELTA GAMMA

Amy Bice  
Sarah Bograd  
Meredith Botts  
Andrea Bradley  
Katherine Conner  
Jenny Crump  
Brandy Curley  
Lauren Danos  
Megan Donkin  
Amy Elmore  
Julie Firmin  
Jenny Fisk  
Kimberly Forsyth  
Melanie Hallberg  
Holly Hardin  
Jamie Hasty  
Brittany Heintz  
Cassie Henderson  
Blythe Hunsberger  
Laura Johnson  
Nancy Karrick  
Jamie Keller  
Lauren Lindsey  
Kelly Logan  
Kimberly Lyon  
Kathryn Mcmurtry  
Amanda Williamson  
Virginia Mcelhaney  
Jennifer Montgomery  
Kristina Miller  
Jessica Neal  
Allison Neville  
Carrie Parker  
Sara Peters  
Melanie Phillips  
Jennifer Posey  
Jennifer Priest  
Olivia Rachal  
Dyalthia Roux  
Shelley Scott  
Erika Seamen

Christy Siedell  
Trisha Simpson  
Kimberly Sims  
Kandice Smith  
Alison Strong  
Elizabeth Tocco  
Ashley Tullos  
Robin Walker  
Kimberly Ward  
Susan Weldon  
Sarah Wesley  
Amber Mcilwain  
Jessica Zamora  
Vanessa Brown  
Rebecca Burris  
Erica Charlesworth  
Jennie Clement  
Leslie Davis  
Kathryn Dickerson  
Angela Dobbe  
Carrie Foltz  
Leah Foster  
Keever Gartman  
Charee Hodges  
Susan Holifield  
Jennifer Hume  
Keri Jones  
Valerie Kemp  
Erin McIntyre  
Erin McMichael  
Lauren Moore  
Jennifer Panquerna  
Kymberly Peairs  
Ashley Plummer  
Lindsey Shannon  
Anna Sledge  
Aimee Speir  
Amy Swiney  
Tonya Taylor  
Erin Weldon

# Kappa Alpha

## Chapter: GAMMA ZETA



### The Men Of KAPPA ALPHA

Joshua Beech  
Christopher Boozer  
Bobby Collins  
Dustin Cooper  
Richard Crane  
Charles Durr  
John Elias  
Nicholas Francis  
Gabriel McPhearson  
Justin Nosser  
William Reidy  
Clyde Rose  
Philip Smith  
James Ware  
Michael Davis  
Samuel Eakes  
Robert Kirk  
Casey Lee  
Shan Seymour  
Seth Sullivan  
Micheal Wallace  
James Willet  
Jason Young

The 2001-2002 year has seen the men of Gamma Zeta enhance their chapter, university and community and have a great time all year. From Bid Day to Old South, the year has been filled with parties, bands and good times. Kappa Alpha held the highest GPA this year with a 3.11 in the fall. Their members are active in many campus activities including SGA, CSA, College Republicans, Wesley Foundation and 16 honor societies. A weekly Bible study allows the members and guests to grow spiritually as a group. Their annual fishing tournament raised over \$3,000 for MDA, and they serve the local community by working with the Boy Scouts of America, both non-profit organizations. This was a great year for the men of Kappa Alpha Order.



# Kappa Delta

## Chapter: BETA SIGMA

### The Ladies Of Kappa Delta

Emiley Earll	Maria Koskan	Kimberly Adler
Jamie Barhanovich	Kelly Kuluz	Olivia Berry
Rebecca Bogard	Brandye Lamas	Amanda Britt
Reagan Bond	Dana Luquire	Courtney Broome
Lindsay Box	Andrea Macko	Bethany Cagle
Sara Buckley	Molly Malone	Courtney Cantrelle
Kristen Cameron	Kathryn May	Courtney Denton
Jennifer Coccaro	Laura Mayfield	Katie Dysart
Suzanne Cochran	Lisa Mitchell	Lauren Elias
Amber Creel	Mary Morgan	Lauren Giordano
Ashlee Dick	Kathryn Mullis	Margaret Hancock
Emily Dryden	Suzanne Mullis	Whitney Hartfield
Kristin Flanagan	Rocquel Ransonet	Alexis Koskan
Lauren Gordy	Tayler Robinson	Ann Larosa
Jessica Gough	Lannette Rogers	Courtney Lawrence
Marquette Guerin	Katherine Rosetti	Kristen Lovelady
Meredith Hale	Claire Scruggs	Claudia Maya
Dru Hawthorne	Eileen Sehulster	Justice Okeefe
Jill Hecker	Suzanne Shows	Abigail Pisani
Laura Hicks	Erica Smith	Ashley Roth
Heather Holifield	Natalie Smith	Lucy Sellers
Alexandra Hornsby	Catherine Tallman	Sarah Shirley
Lauren Hubal	Sarah Tartt	Heather Smith
Kelley Humphreys	Anne Valenti	Katie Smith
Sarah Irby	Jacqueline Vogel	Krislyn Smith
Tricia Jacobsen	Sara Waldman	Claire Walter
Kimberly	Katherine Waters	Kristin Westlake
Kavanaugh	Johanna Wilbert	Nan White
Melissa Kilpatrick	Erin Williams	Ayla Williams
Sarah Kirby	Anna Young	Julia Wood



By Molly Malone

This year marked the 52<sup>nd</sup> year of the Kappa Delta sisterhood at USM, as the ladies of Beta Sigma chapter eagerly welcomed 30 new members into their sisterhood after very successful fall recruitment.

Kappa Delta sisters can be seen all over the Southern Miss campus from being involved in an array of different organizations such as Southern Style, Dixie Darlings, Lambda Sigma, Southern Misses, Eagle Connection, Freshmen Associates, Omicron Delta Kappa, Who's Who, and Hall of Fame inductees. Kappa Delta was very proud this year to have Myrle Tallman named Miss USM! Kappa Delta was also very excited at the fact that four Kappa Deltas appeared on this year's Southern Miss Homecoming Court.

Each March, the ladies of Kappa Delta held their annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run, where they raise thousands of dollars for the Prevent Child Abuse America. This 5K run is always a success due to the outgoing support from Southern Miss students and the Hattiesburg community. Kappa Delta also hosted the Parade of Beauties on October 4, which raised a great deal of money that was donated to the American Red Cross for relief to New York residents that were affected by the September 11 tragedy.

The ladies of Kappa Delta look forward to a year of continued success on the Southern Miss campus, as well as to keep up the ideal of striving "for that which is honorable, beautiful, and highest."



# Kappa Sigma

Chapter: EPSILON NU



NICKNAME: "Kappa Sig"

COLORS: Scarlet, White, Emerald Green

PHILANTHROPY: Forrest General Tree  
of Life Cancer Research

EVENTS: Undertakers Ball, Founders'  
Day, Margaritaville





By Jeremy Knight

The men of Kappa Sigma continue to redefine fraternal excellence at the University of Southern Mississippi. Kappa Sigma celebrates its 54<sup>th</sup> year of tradition and pride on campus this year. Over the last two years, this fraternity has continued to pledge the "most wanted men" on campus. They also continue to set the standard for fraternity men by exemplifying leadership through experience, scholarship, intelligence, charity, and kindheartedness. At Kappa Sigma, the greatest love of all is known to be one where a member would lay down his life for another. This is how much brotherhood means to Kappa Sigma. As the members will tell you, their brotherhood is not for a day, an hour, or a college term only, but for life.

The men of Kappa Sigma continue to commit themselves to philanthropic activities throughout the school year. We helped to publicize, set up, and operate an event with UAC called "Keep on Rockin for the Free World". This benefit concert with five great local bands, including King Konga, raised over \$2000 for the American Red Cross in the wake of the September 11 tragedies. The annual Kappa Sigma golf tournament raised money to be donated to the Forrest General Hospital's Tree of Life Foundation, which is a cancer research facility. The men of Kappa Sigma have also chosen to help raise funds for the Special Olympics of Southeastern Mississippi. We feel that it is an honor to donate to such charities as these in year 2002.

The men of Kappa Sigma are not all work and no play. Some activities are their large Bid Day festivities, every home football game, Undertakers Ball, Founders Day Celebration, Super Bowl party, Valentine's Day Date Party, Margaritaville, South Seas, and annual swaps/mixers with such sororities as KΔ, XΩ, ΔΔΔ, ΔΓ, and ΦΜ.



**Above:** KΣ members (left to right) Breck Honea, Michael Ball, Cain Roberds, and Scott Renken



**Below:** Chip Moore, Steve Kelly, Matt Elias, and Jeremy Knight show their enthusiasm at the USM vs. TCU game.

## The Men Of KAPPA SIGMA

<b>John Anthony</b>	<b>Taylor Sanford</b>
<b>David Aurich</b>	<b>J Siekkinen</b>
<b>Bradley Boudreux</b>	<b>Jean Skaggs</b>
<b>Corey Britt</b>	<b>Jason Smith</b>
<b>Jared Clay</b>	<b>Brandon Veit</b>
<b>Justin Cockrell</b>	<b>Charles Wallace</b>
<b>Christopher Estrade</b>	<b>Graham Asbill</b>
<b>Eric Frierson</b>	<b>Javier Barquero</b>
<b>Benjamin Guy</b>	<b>John Baumgartn</b>
<b>Jonathan Hoda</b>	<b>William Bryan</b>
<b>Breck Honea</b>	<b>Salem Bunkheila</b>
<b>William Johnson</b>	<b>Nicholas Caldwell</b>
<b>Adam Justice</b>	<b>Steven Carver</b>
<b>Jordan Karetas</b>	<b>Jay Cox</b>
<b>Jeremy Knight</b>	<b>Chad Dedeaux</b>
<b>Justin Maggio</b>	<b>Edward Douglas</b>
<b>Benjamin Markland</b>	<b>Matthew Elias</b>
<b>William Mattern</b>	<b>Colby Fillingim</b>
<b>Gregory Mchugh</b>	<b>Richard Gibbs</b>
<b>David Melancon</b>	<b>Lee Hall</b>
<b>Christopher Payne</b>	<b>Jacob Holder</b>
<b>Donald Peltier</b>	<b>Jonathan Honeycut</b>
<b>Ryan Picou</b>	<b>Steven Kelly</b>
<b>Justin Pucheu</b>	<b>Warren McCaleb</b>
<b>Chad Renken</b>	<b>Scott Mendes</b>
<b>Scot Renke</b>	<b>David Moncrief</b>
<b>Micheal Ring</b>	<b>Derland Moore</b>
<b>Cain Roberds</b>	<b>Nicholas Payne</b>
<b>Cammack Roberds</b>	<b>Mattew Roark</b>
<b>Jeffery Rose</b>	<b>Kevin Roper</b>
<b>Jonathan Rousset</b>	<b>Blake Stuart</b>

# Kappa Alpha Theta

Chapter: ZETA PSI



NICKNAME: "Theta"

MOTTO: "Together Thetas"  
"Fraternity of Firsts"

COLORS: Black and Gold

EMBLEM: Kite and Twin Stars





# KAT

The ladies of the Zeta Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta were happy to welcome 26 new members to their sorority this year. This fall, Theta held "Rock the CASA" to raise money for their philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates. Band Konfliction and Ferigno entertained outside the Administration Building. All who attended had a wonderful time.

Thetas are also active in supporting other Greek philanthropic events on campus. In December, Theta placed first in Chi Omega's Songfest. Not only do Thetas participate in Greek events, they also keep busy with involvement in many other campus organizations such as the Honors College, Golden Girls, Dixie Darlings, Phi Kappa Phi, Southern Style, The Pride, Phi Sigma Pi, CAS, RUF, BSU, Phi Eta Sigma, The Legacy, and many others. Other events that Theta held this year were their bowling and Halloween parties, Parents' Day Picnic, and their Sisterhood retreat.



*Above:* KAΘ sisters (left to right) Tiffany Cooper, Margarita Votano, Holly McCain, Melissa Mowdy, Stefani Lott, Christina McVay, Heather Sulkowski, and Maddy Campbell.

*Right:* Becky Gouin, Alissa Robertson, Danielle Wittet, and Morgan Claborn (left to right) on KAΘ Big Sis/Lil Sis night.



## The Ladies of KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Mary Baggett  
Christina Broadus  
Madelena Campbell  
Ashley Carter  
Katie Fernandez  
Erin Fewell  
Laura Finley  
Shelley Gallender  
Bridget Gillane  
Rebecca Gouin  
Angela Goundas  
Kristen Griffith  
Brittany Gueringer  
Melissa Hallock  
Dawn Hymel  
Jessica Kavanaugh  
Stacey Kersh  
Elizabeth Layton  
Heather Lee  
Stefani Lott  
Nancy Lounsberry  
Amanda McFall  
Emily Medlin  
Deanne Miller  
Erin Mione  
Julie Moore  
Melissa Mowdy  
Tami Munsch  
Colleen Murray  
Robin Murray  
Michelle Musso  
Andrea Neu  
Alissa Robertson  
Meredith Shanks

Stephanie Smith  
Rebecca Truelove  
Julie Turner  
Juanita Wienberg  
Tera Wooten  
Melissa Allred  
Amanda Barrett  
Morgan Claborn  
Tiffany Cooper  
Merideth Crowson  
Laura Dunn  
Amy George  
Emily Guyton  
Lesley Harrison  
Sarah Hasler  
Amy Henderson  
Stephanie Hodges  
Molly Jones  
Sanja Johnson  
Crystal Kirk  
Holly McNair  
Christina McVay  
Erin Orr  
Brandy Rigsby  
Sheena Roberts  
Emi Saucier  
Brandi Sharpe  
Kerri Smith  
Heather Sulkowski  
Jennifer Trucker  
Margarita Votano  
Stephanie Wells  
Jennifer White  
Elizabeth Whittet

# Omega Psi Phi

## Chapter: NU ETA



### **The Men Of OMEGA PSI PHI**

**Eric Cox  
Azland Dubose  
Thomas Figures  
Kwantrell Green  
Kewan Jackson  
Charles Lowery  
Alester Rials  
Dewayne Walker**

The Nu Eta chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Inc., was founded in May of 1975 on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. It was the first nationally African-American greek organization founded at USM. Nu Eta flourished on the campus until suspended in 1994. Then in 2000, the resurrection of Nu Eta happened with "Genesis II: The Resurrection of Nu Eta". These members were Tony Dalcour, Thomas Figures, Tabari Rogers, Cedric Scott, and Marlon Mitchell. Since then, Nu Eta has grown in numbers with the addition of "Four Men of No Remorse" in the fall of 2000 and "The Last of a Dying Breed" in the spring of 2001. The Nu Eta chapter is active in the Hattiesburg community with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program and Omega Prep Youth Organization. Annual events held by Omega Psi Phi are Que/Delta week, which occurs every spring semester; an Achievement Week program every fall semester; and a Perfect Attendance and Academic Excellence program held at the end of every 9-week term for elementary age students.



# Phi Beta Sigma

## Chapter: THETA ETA

### **The Men Of PHI BETA SIGMA**

**Theron Black  
Kendrick Brown  
Aaron "A.Z." McKenzie  
Paul Nelson  
Cornelius Thompson  
Kerry Walton, Jr.**



On the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., three glorious men set out to form an organization based on Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service. This organization would uphold these beliefs in their day to day life by displaying brotherhood to all they met, the intense importance of education of education through scholarship and service to their communities and beyond. So on January 9, 1914, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated was founded! Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. later helped found Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated in 1920, making the two only true and constitutionally bound family of any Greek organization.

On the campus of Southern Miss, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has displayed all the beliefs in which was founded. Throughout each year, we firmly support all Greek organizations and their events. Amongst each other brotherhood is like a real family and we take care of each other like a family. Along with the lovely ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., the family ties that we are known for is actively seen all over campus. We do most of our volunteer work with kids in the Hattiesburg and surrounding communities, most of which is done at Family Network Partnership and P.A.C.E. Through the years, we have help raise money and supplies for Toys/Coats for Tots. We view all Greeks as those who should be respected and admired, but there is none better than the Royal Blue and White Family!

# Pi Beta Phi

Chapter: MS ALPHA



NICKNAME: "Pi Phi"

COLORS: Wine and Silver Blue

MASCOT: Angels and Arrows





By Laura Pay

Since being chartered at USM on April 8, 1961, the Mississippi Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Phi has strived to leave its mark and has achieved this goal. Based on the goals and leadership of its founders, each member of Pi Beta Phi demonstrates her leadership at USM every day.

Recognized at the Greek Convocation for its leadership on campus, the Mississippi Alpha Chapter received the Best Faculty Advisor and Best Attitude Award Among Panhellenic. The ladies of Pi Phi shone in Chi Omega's Songfest by placing third overall.

With events such as Date with an Angel, Founder's Day, Homecoming Tea, Beau and Arrow Formal, Sisterhood Retreat, Pledge Retreat, and the philanthropic event Arrowspike, each lady of Pi Beta Phi is always enjoying time with her sisters. Pi Beta Phi girls are guided by the following words: "as did our founders, we must dare to dream; for if there are no dreams, there cannot be 'dreams come true'."



*Above:* ΠΒΦ sisters (from left to right) Kara Oxford, Beth Carl, and Brandis Lofton.

*Right:* ΠΒΦ sisters give supply information about their sorority to interested girls.



## The Ladies of PI BETA PHI

Andrea Adams  
Shannon Artigue  
Leigh Austin  
Kathryn Ballantyne  
Sarah Kennedy  
Corrina Bobb  
Logan Brenner  
Brittany Brink  
April Bullock  
Amanda Coleman  
Rachel Culver  
Kristi Fairchilds  
Nicole Fletcher  
Anna Flurry  
Mary Fox  
Desiree Gant  
Leanne Graves  
Stacy Harkreader  
Lindsay Hebert  
Brook Ladner  
Rebecca Lewis  
Sharon Lott  
Michelle McGee  
Aimee Morgan  
Natosha Myers  
Lane Newman  
Kristin Oconnor  
Bridget Olivent  
Tara Packer  
Laura Pay  
Amanda Price  
Rachel Quinlivan  
Rebecca Rabb  
Amber Reese  
Adrienne Robichaux  
Lindsay Rolph  
Melissa Shreve  
Ashlee Taylor  
Janet Thames

Nancy Thames  
Jennifer Varner  
Jenny Boston  
Tiffany Byrd  
Elizabeth Carl  
Natalie Cavalier  
Christina Clark  
Stacey Culver  
Hayley Derrick  
Bethany Emory  
Desiree Gant  
Jenny Fell  
Holly Floore  
Kristie Herndon  
Laura Johnson  
Lindy Ladner  
Amber Lee  
Laura Leighty  
Brandis Lofton  
Kristen Lowe  
Jennifer McGuffie  
Evelyn McMillan  
Kelli Nelson  
Danielle O'Cain  
Kara Oxford  
Rebecca Pankiewicz  
Kara Parker  
Merril Patterson  
Alicia Peck  
Shelly Ritter  
Emily Russell  
Heather Rylee  
Linda Shelby  
Kembral Simon  
Heather L. Smith  
Heather N. Smith  
Alana Tanner  
Stephanie Usry  
Maggie Wegman  
Robbin Wilbur



# Phi Mu

Chapter: ALPHA OMICRON

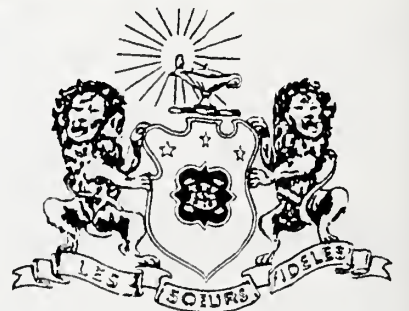


**NICKNAME:** "Phi Mu"

**MOTTO:** "The Faithful Sisters"

**COLORS:** Rose and White

**MASCOT:** Sir Fidel the Lion





This year, Phi Mu is proud to celebrate 150 years of sisterhood, service, and excellence. From late night trips to Wal-Mart, eating in the Commons, and just hanging out in the dorm, the time that Phi Mu's spend together is the basis of the sisterhood that we are known for. Phi Mu's can be seen together everywhere on USM's campus, whether as an active member of SGA, USM Southern Misses, Dixie Darlings, numerous honor societies, Eagle Connection, and many other areas. Phi Mu's have time to kick up their feet and relax at our annual Fall Fling, Christmas Cocktail, and Beach Bash date parties. As well as working hard for our own philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network, we also contribute to other organization's philanthropic events and have received honors including second place in Sigma Chi's Derby Days, Chi Omega's Songfest, and first place in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash. All in all, Phi Mu's are proud to wear their letters and hold their heads high knowing they are part of an outstanding sisterhood. Here's to 150 more years!



**Above:** ΦM sisters in front of their philanthropy.

**Below:** ΦM sisters (left to right) Olivia Buckalew, Nancy Haines, Lauren Buckalew, and Brooke Pennington.



## The Ladies of PHI MU

Shauntel Adams  
Diana Anderson  
Lee Barlow  
Jacqueline Bergeron  
Katherine Boudet  
Amanda Brown  
Lauren Buckalew  
Olivia Buckalew  
Ashleigh Carlson  
Amanda Carter  
Shelley-Jean Chappuis  
Crystal Cook  
Chrissy Cullinane  
Jennifer Dean  
Rachel Delcambre  
Melissa Fortman  
Mary Frierson  
Nicole Guidry  
Nancy Haines  
Courtney Hall  
Theresa Hinton  
Genna Herring  
Lisa Heusel  
Melissa Hood  
Sarah Khani  
Lucille Langenbeck  
Melissa Lechner  
Tara Marasco  
Mary McGarity  
Jessica Murphy  
Meaghan Murphy  
Bridget Napier  
Mary Pennington  
Megan Pinto  
Jennifer Rehage  
Dana Rogillio  
Holly Senn  
Kristin Shirley  
Felicia Simon  
Zuzana Slobodnikova  
Erica Staiger  
Rebecca Stillwell  
Vanessa Swaim  
Christine Talbott  
Kimberly Talley  
Abby Tausend

Katie Theard  
Julie Thiele  
Sarah Toche  
Katie Turpin  
Melissa Volz  
Holly Wagner  
Kristin Wahl  
Ashley Walston  
Sarah Watson  
Amy Wingrave  
Casey Wingrave  
Julie April  
Sara Bond  
Sabrina Bosarge  
Jennifer Burleigh  
Katie Campbell  
Samantha Caruthers  
Ashley Donewar  
Jessica Dragon  
Jacki Eakes  
Kristen Gauchet  
Keli Gough  
Sara Harrison  
Ashley Holifield  
Megan Johnson  
Deborah Lehman  
Hailey Lovvorn  
Crystal McArn  
Stephanie McDonald  
Becky McKearan  
Alyson Mora  
Cristin Murphy  
Kelley Phillips  
Melissa Ponder  
Lindsey Price  
Melissa Puckett  
Abigail Riche  
Ali Romero  
Sarah Sauls  
Ashley Smith-Vaniz  
Brittany Stringer  
Christina Treuil  
Natalie Villari  
Victoria Voelkel  
Hayley Walters  
Alice Wright

# Phi Kappa Tau

## Chapter: BETA EPSILON

### The Men Of PHI KAPPA TAU

Andrew Autrey  
Kevin Benefield  
Philip Benard  
Jason Briceno  
Anthony Brown  
Leigh Brown  
Joshua Collum  
Thomas Domenico  
Micheal Duncan  
Joshua Foster  
Bryan Glover  
Benjamin Hager  
Joshua Hamm  
William Head  
Joseph Johnson  
Jason Jones  
Vincent Lasita  
Bradley Lewellyn  
Harry Lipe  
Justin Marciani  
Andrew Middleton  
Paul Myers  
John Parker  
Robin Parker  
Adam Randle

Justin Roland  
Jason Sick  
James Suttles  
Robert Talley  
Aaron Thigpen  
Aubrey Wade  
Kenneth Welborn  
Jeremy McMillan  
Ed Ackers  
David Wells  
Mansour Al-Jabi  
John Backstrom  
Clinton Burdette  
Samuel Carollo  
Larry Davis  
Joseph Feltman  
Daniel Hinton  
Michael McBride  
Michael Montgomery  
Rafael Sanchez  
Jeremy Stroo  
Man Tang  
Christopher Walker  
Daniel Woodward



By Jason Jones

Thinks "We", not I.

Should be able to give of himself without expecting something in return.

Both of these are what describe a Phi Tau man. For 54 years, the men of Beta Epsilon have been a constant success on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi.

In 2001-2002, the men of Phi Tau, continued with their strong efforts in community involvement with tier annual canned food drive; Adopt-A-Highway program; and their 9<sup>th</sup> annual soccer classic, which benefits The Hole in the Wall Gang.

When Phi Tau's are not making the community better and making the grades in the classroom, they always find a way to have a good time. Nothing exemplifies this more than "Lost Weekend."

Their motto, "Success is Never Coasting" is what the brothers of Phi Tau live by everyday.



# Pi Kappa Alpha

## Chapter: DELTA MU



### The Men of PI KAPPA ALPHA

Mickey Bellande	Jason Mungo
Brandon Breal	Erich Nichols
Shawn Broadus	Nicholas Nowell
Colin Caillavet	Joel Pierce
Kristopher Carter	John Relan
Brad Cates	Jack Rolison
Edgar Cook	Joshua Schutts
Roderick Courtney	David Simmons
Phuong Dang	Timothy Smith
Christopher Davis	Christopher Snodgrass
Brandon Degrafft	Stephen Theobald
John Fisackerl	Tad Wansley
Eric Getz	Matthew Wesley
Thomas Giles	Vandan Amin
Armond Gollott	Brett Bogard
Dale Gollott	Ronald Bogard
Harry Hamrick	Donald Griggs
Brandon Hill	James Hill
Robert Hoffmann	Randall Kiker
Theodaore Johnson	James Lee
Paul Kirklan	Paul Mounce
Martin Kindley	Roy Robertson
Bradford Maples	Eric Sessums
Cifford Miller	Darryl Simmons

December 10, 1949, marked the beginning of the Delta Mu chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha on USM's campus. Since then, Pikes have been very active in every aspect of student life, including varsity athletics, student organizations, intramurals, and much more.

Socially, Pikes are very active — from tailgating in the district at every home game to road trips to away games, such as Alabama and Penn State. From swaps to Fireman's Ball and the infamous Pikefest held every spring, Pikes know how to have fun.

However, in the fall of 2001 the focus shifted from social and sporting events to charity and relief for the victims of the September 11 tragedy. Though the initiative of Pi Kappa Alpha members and the support of the Hattiesburg Fire Department, the Pikes raised \$46,000 dollars for the Red Cross and the Fallen Firefighters fund, which set a new record for fundraising for any campus organization.

Excellence, at the very least, is expected of every member while the chapter maintains its contempt for complacency. Pi Kappa Alpha — integrity, excellence, and success — 51 years and counting.

# Sigma Alpha Epsilon

## Chapter: MS SIGMA



**NICKNAME:** SAE, E's

**COLORS:** Royal Purple and Old Gold

**PHILANTHROPY:** Civitan Camp

**EVENTS:** Super Bowl Party, Christmas Formal





# ΣΑΕ



*Above:* ΣΑΕ members show their talents -- and chests -- at King Neptune. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Right:* ΣΑΕ brother Zach Dear lends a hand in his fraternity's workday. *Photo by Sara Moxley*



## The Men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Charlie Agent  
 Matthew Allen  
 Jason Ameen  
 Jeffrey Anderson  
 Christopher Banchemo  
 Benjamin Barham  
 Jonathan Batson  
 Maxwell Bonner  
 Christopher Broom  
 Benjamin Buczed  
 Robert Burris  
 Jason Coker  
 Gregory Cooper  
 Brenton Cox  
 Jeffrey Davis  
 Michael Dorris  
 Benjamin Floyd  
 Jason Giron  
 Donald Gober  
 Joseph Hobson  
 Brian Hunt  
 Michael Ingram  
 Brian Jackson  
 Jason Landry  
 John Lankford  
 Robert Lee  
 Kenneth Macmaster  
 Christopher McDonald  
 Jesse Melkowitz  
 Charles Miciotto  
 Aaron Middleberg  
 Jesse New  
 James Phillips  
 Kevin Prince

John Rushing  
 Charles Ryals  
 John Sessums  
 Jeffrey Shaw  
 Nathan Siegal  
 Corey Smith  
 Stephen Smith  
 Benjamin Smithhart  
 Spencer Stabler  
 Christopher Strickland  
 Larkin Turner  
 William Washer  
 James Watkins  
 Thomas Wells  
 Lowry Yarbrough  
 Jeremy Adams  
 Josh Belenchia  
 Jeffrey Capps  
 James Cruise III  
 Jordan Davis  
 John Dwyer  
 Richard Hampton  
 Gabriel Jasper  
 Thomas Kershaw  
 Calvin Meaders  
 Zack New  
 Marcus Oster  
 James Ryals  
 Stephen Scott  
 Jesse Shepherd  
 Alex Street  
 Thomas Vincent  
 Thomas Walker  
 Aubrey Waters  
 Edward Winter

# Pi Kappa Phi

## Chapter: THETA ALPHA



### The Men of Pi Kappa Phi

Thomas Barker  
 Daniel Barton  
 Sean Bellman  
 Robert Benson  
 Patrick Brien  
 Mitchell Brown  
 Benjamin Bryan  
 Sario Cordonna  
 Chadler Cornett  
 Stephen Dietz  
 Lonnie Farrell  
 Antonio Garcia  
 Paul Gros  
 Michael Hales  
 Stirlin Hancock  
 Chad Langley  
 Ian Locke  
 Christian Marrione  
 Christer Matthew  
 Harry Morgan  
 Micheal Pettis  
 Tadd Pitts  
 Stephen Prewitt  
 Jason Priest  
 Adam Ray

Charles Ruffin  
 Jason Skrmetti  
 Timothy Smith  
 Lewis Soule  
 Ronald tynes  
 James Tyrone  
 Danny Kertis  
 Ronald Willison  
 Rischard Ardoin  
 Shane Authement  
 Mitchell Bullock  
 Justin Collins  
 Brett Haralson  
 Frank Henderson  
 Ben Hester  
 Douglas Keller  
 Johnny Kochtitzky  
 Charles Letchworth  
 Zachary Martin  
 Robert Neel  
 David Reeves  
 Michael Self  
 Andrew Tew  
 Clinton Ward  
 Joshua West

By Benjamin Bryan

The Theta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi was founded at USM on April 24, 1999. Only three years old, the Pi Kapps have already proven themselves as a leading organization and fraternity at Southern Miss. Pi Kappa Phi was recognized for their excellence by receiving the Aubrey K. Lucas Award, which is given to the top overall Greek organization on campus.

Pi Kappa Phi takes pride in being leaders in the Greek system but on campus as well. They have members active in IFC, Order of Omega, Student Government Association, The Legacy, Freshman Leadership Council, Southern Style and several honor fraternities.

Another important aspect of Pi Kappa Phi is their philanthropy, Push America. Push America is a non-profit organization that benefits people with mental and physical disabilities. Pi Kapps put on No-Boundaries Week every spring to help raise money. Another fundraiser of Push America is the Journey of Hope, a cross-country bike ride. Theta Alpha Chapter has sent at least one person on this ride every summer since it's chartering.

The men of Pi Kappa Phi strive to become leaders but do not lose touch of the social aspect of a fraternity. Some annual social activities include parties on Bid Day, Homecoming and Funk Fest during the fall, as well as the Christmas date party called Hook a Brother Up. The spring parties include a Valentine's Day date party, Party on the Bayou, and their formal, Rose Ball. Brotherhood retreats and swaps with sororities are other ways that the men of Pi Kappa Phi enjoy brotherhood.



# Sigma Chi

## Chapter: THETA DELTA

### The Men of Sigma Chi

Brian Bacuzzi  
Samuel Burke  
Carsten Cagle  
John Crout  
Grant Ford  
Jeffrey Graham  
Justin Grant  
Damian Jakubik  
Jason Knewasser  
Jared Loftus  
Mark Lovoy  
Christopher Mayfield  
James Mcnese  
Michael Mitchell  
Joseph Murphy  
Hugh Pace  
Todd Palmer  
John Reid  
Jason Saucier  
Andrew Swetman  
Charles Tedford  
Alan Tingle  
Adam Todd  
Julius Westbrook  
Daniel Wildman  
Jack Williams  
Taylor Backstrom  
Graham Behringer  
Jack Benford

Brandon Brashier  
Grant Bustin  
Sturat Carter  
William Coachys  
Brad Cornett  
William Coachys  
Brad Cornett  
Willam Dupree  
David Easterling  
Brandon Figueiredo  
Michael Gremillio  
Aaron Johnson  
Bryan Jones  
Brett Kennedy  
Samuel Krhut  
Nicholas Lomax  
Todd Lowery  
Robert Miller  
Timothy Moe  
Nathan Myatt  
Matthew Pennington  
Donald Runnels  
Richard Sawyer  
Timothy Thrash  
Tommy Vanderford  
Marney Walker  
Matthew Weeks  
Wade Wilkes Jr.  
Anthony Wright



The fall semester of 2001 and the spring semester of 2002 were promising from the start. All our efforts proved to be without haste as Bid Day was especially successful. We gave out 35 bids and had 28 guys accept. With 32 guys, we have the largest fraternity pledge class at USM. The pledge process went relatively smooth with the final number of initiates being 21, one of the largest groups of initiates overall.

General operations within our chapter are also on the rise. The University has helped us complete several projects to improve the house, including a new paint job on the interior of the house, a new ceiling, and a new backyard fence and deck. We have also become more involved on campus in leadership and participation, with the Interfraternity Council, Student Government, and various other organizations.

Our philanthropy, the Sigma Chi Derby Days, which benefits the Children's Miracle Network was a success. The sororities competing showed a lot of support for our fraternity in their participation and had a lot of enthusiasm in all the events. Tri-Delta won overall, but the work that all of the sororities did to enable us to help the Children's Miracle Network is what really mattered. Over 2,000 cans of food were collected and some money was raised from advertisements and admissions to the dance competition. We also held a block party with the ATO's to augment their philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity, and ours, as well as promote inter-fraternity unity. The men of Sigma Chi really look forward to doing even more to benefit our philanthropy next year.

Plans for the 2002-2003 school year are already in the making. Internal affairs are being streamlined and new officers are taking more responsibilities to benefit both the chapter and the University of Southern Miss. Programs are being established to improve the grades of the chapter so that each member can be successful individually and make the Greek community more attractive to potential members. A leadership retreat has already been executed for the executive members of the fraternity, which was successful in bringing us together and teaching us to work as a team. This activity has convinced us to plan a brotherhood retreat for the whole fraternity, which could be very beneficial.

All in all, we hope to make the Theta Delta chapter of Sigma Chi an exemplary fraternity, which not only represents the Greek community here growingly, but also enhances the University's image in all aspects.

# Sigma Gamma Rho

## Chapter: ETA TAU

### **The Ladies Of SIGMA GAMMA RHO**

**Tawanda Barker  
Christy Eashmond  
Margo Green  
Jacqueline Jackson  
Yalonda Jackson  
Melanie James  
Edwina Johnson  
Jackqueline May  
Lenessa Nelson  
Cassandra Redmond  
Kennyatta Taylor**



By TaWanda M. Barker

Sigma Gamma Rho's aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmarks of the organization's programs and activities. As a leading national service organization, Sigma Gamma Rho has met the challenges of the day and continues to grow through sisterhood, scholarship and service.

On November 12, 1922, seven young black women founded Sigma Gamma Rho on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. The Eta Tau chapter at USM strives to uphold its motto, "Greater Service, Greater Progress," which reflects the sorority's commitment to service. Through active participation and networking with other organizations, Sigma Gamma Rho continues its tradition of service to improve the quality of life in every community.



# Sigma Nu

## Chapter: THETA GAMMA



### The Men Of Sigma Nu

Buddy Bartlett  
Matthew Becker  
Joseph Black  
Samuel Broadhead  
Lincoln Cheramie  
Colby Dempsey  
John Edmond  
James Ermine  
William Ermine  
Christopher Ferguson  
Paul Fox  
Matthew George  
Christopher Harrison  
Kyle McCauley  
Terry McKeough  
Nathan Pepper  
Bjorn Quiroga

Kelly Shipp  
Scott Waelde  
Prentice Walker  
Ryan Walker  
John Zimmer  
Grant Banks  
Robert Hefley  
Conway Hertzog  
Dwayne Ingraham  
Justin Irby  
Markus Jones  
Charles Longino  
Erik McCall  
Nicholas Noel  
William Ogle  
Gerald Peralta  
Brandon Smith  
Gregory Smith

Sigma Nu, the only fraternity founding against hazing, was founded on this campus in 1969. Our members strive to live by three simple ideals: Love, Truth, and Honor. A simple creed guides the fraternity – reciprocal respect. Respect is one of the most important aspects of Sigma Nu because without respect, there is no honor.

The fraternity's mission simply stated is to "develop ethical leaders for society." As part of the effort to achieve this mission, Sigma Nu has developed and implemented a continuing member education program known as the LEAD (Leadership, Ethics, Achievement, and Development) program. Sigma Nu believes that no entity on the college campus is better suited to address this issue than the unique Greek-letter fraternity system.

The LEAD program teaches us that we are not to be selfish in our lifestyle, and that we should give back to our community to help those less fortunate than us. Therefore, Sigma Nu has decided to work with the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) in hosting an annual "Womanless Beauty Pageant" to help raise money for needy children and families. Last year, with the city's support, we were able to raise over \$2,000 dollars for this organization. Also, Sigma Nu has taken on the responsibility of being a "Big Brother" to the children associated with Alder's Gate Mission. Members of the chapter spent their afternoons reading to and teaching young underprivileged children how to be better members of society.

Membership in Sigma Nu is a lifetime commitment. Membership in our organization requires a unanimous vote of approval. This means that when a candidate receives a bid from Sigma Nu, he knows that every member in our chapter wants him there as a brother for life.

Membership does not end when one graduates; brothers are moved into our outstanding alumni program. The Sigma Nu active members thank our alumni brothers for starting one of only two Greek-lettered University Scholarship programs available. Without our alumni continued encouragement and support the Theta Gamma chapter of Sigma Nu would not be the thriving educational program that it is today!

# Sigma Phi Epsilon

## Chapter: MS GAMMA

### The Men of Sigma Phi Epsilon

Ronald Beasley  
Barrett Blanchard  
Ryan Braun  
Joshua Burge  
Louis Carboni  
Matthew Carter  
Nicholas Cavalier  
Felix Chetta  
Jason Cooley  
Charles Cote  
Andrew Dollar  
Clint Favre  
Patrick Fogarty  
Kritian Gibbe  
John Herron  
Dylan Hite  
Brian Holmes  
Scott Houston  
Mark Hover  
Brian Lowe  
Andrew Maher  
Brandon Marlier  
Richard Marrero  
Larry McCray  
George McGovern  
Christopher Mclellan  
Christopher Miller  
Joseph Moll  
Jarrod Murray  
Sellers Norris

Leon Perret  
James Purdy  
Arthur Reed  
Matthew Salathe  
David Sartin  
Eric Schulz  
Kevin Showalter  
Stephen Slumber  
Paul Wiebelt  
Benedict Alejandro  
Dean Aucoin  
Joshua Austin  
Brandon Bang  
Joseph Burnett  
Kevin Carr  
Charles Champagne  
Thomas Cullinan  
William Davidson  
Joshua Gardner  
David Kaufmann  
Daniel Landry  
Christopher Lowery  
Sean McCarthy  
Daniel Myers  
Michael Rudiger  
Zachery Sims  
Benjamin Singletary  
Sim Strain  
Charles Williams



Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded in 1901 in Richmond, Va. The Mississippi Gamma Chapter was founded at USM in 1953. Since then, the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon have tried to bring to the campus some of its most treasured principles, namely virtue, diligence and brotherly love. The men of SigEp are active in nearly all aspects of college life, including Student Government, religious organizations and sports clubs. SigEp also works hard for the improvement of the community with several fundraisers each year. This year, proceeds from philanthropies such as the SigEp Date Auction and a can drive during a football game were given to the American Heart Association and United Blood Services.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is primarily focused on brotherhood, however, and this is seen through their support for a brother now stationed in Kazakhstan. Sigma Phi Epsilon has continued to help elevate this campus and will continue to do so in the future.



# Zeta Phi Beta

## Chapter: LAMBDA THETA

### The Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta

Ember Ahua  
Candace Blake  
Kimberly Buckhaultler  
Tiffany Clemmons  
Kareesa Keys  
Aisha Lewis  
Akilah Lewis  
Deidra Lewis  
Kendra Lyles  
Cynthia Matthews  
Rhae McDonald  
Jamie Osby  
Natasha peaches  
Malana Richardson  
Larisa Riley  
Sabrina Simon  
Shantel Treadwell  
Valencia Walls  
Wynter Ward  
Courtney Williams  
Kimberly Williams



By Sabrina Simon (and program story by Elizabeth Slade)

The Lambda Theta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta had a very busy year. In the fall, we held our annual ZIP week. ZIP, Zetas Investing in People, is a week-long event that consists of health educational programs that affect the community. The topics ranged from diabetes to sickle cell anemia. We had a penny drop throughout the week which resulted in a \$500 dollar donation to the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

This spring, we held out "Part Two of How to Have a Stress-free Relationship" with the men of Alpha Phi Alpha. The program was a huge success last year. Towards the end of February, we hosted our annual Blue and White Week. The events of the week included bowling, community service, a stepshow, a party, and a picnic. It was a huge success.

With the success of this past year, we are anticipating nothing but great things in the years to come. This year was a maturing experience for our organization and with this experience, we hope to achieve the goal of our founders by being finer women.

Zeta Phi Beta sorority held a program on "The Skills You Need to Make It to the Top." The members of the sorority were offered the opportunity to learn skills needed for potential job interviews.

The guest speaker for the program was Carrie Bell of USM's Career Planning and Placement. Bell taught the ladies different ways to organize impressive resumes, how to conduct proper job interviews, and tips on how to search for the perfect occupation. Bell also informed the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta how to register for Career Planning and Placement programs in order to complete a successful job search.

Zeta Phi Beta president and Senior Health Administration major Kimberly Williams said that all the sorority members were invited to the program. "I think it's a good idea," Williams remarked. "We recommend that freshmen and sophomores come, but more juniors and seniors come because it is aimed at them."

Sophomore chemistry major Olivia Brooks said she thought it was very informative. "I didn't even know they had a program like this," Brooks said. "The teachers should tell us about these things. I will definitely need it for my major."



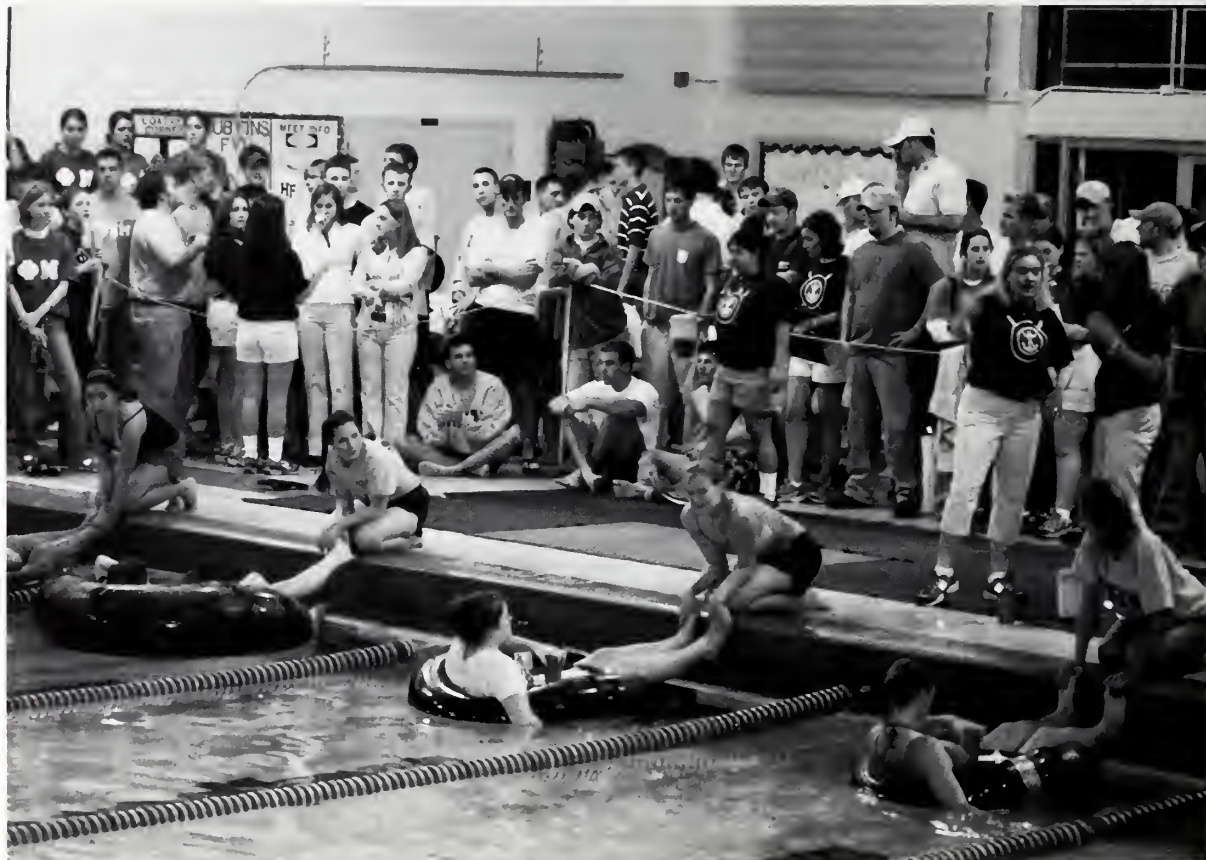
# Philanthropies

Greeks put the "fun" in fundraising through their many philanthropic events

Right and below: Many sororities and fraternities participated in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash on February 21. This event took place at the Payne Center and raised money for Service for Sight. Photos by Mark Farmer

Bottom left: Kappa Alpha show their American spirit at Delta Gamma's King Neptune on February 18. Photo by Mark Farmer

Bottom right: Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held their first annual sleepout on February 20. This event raised money for Christian Services. These Greeks and volunteers slept outside on Shoemaker Square. Photos by Maretta Allen







Top of the page and far left: Alpha Delta Pi held their YEAR annual "Rock-n-Bowl" tournament. With participation from many Greeks, this event helped to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Photos by Mark Farmer

Above and left: Delta Tau Delta hosted a Corporate Walk/Cystic Fibrosis Walk on March 23. Over \$13,000 was raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Photos by Mark Farmer



# Community Service

Greeks lend a helping hand to others in Hattiesburg

*Right:* ΔΤΔ Daniel Poase and ΣΓΡ Jacqueline May lend a helping hand during Trick or Treat on Greek Street. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Below:* Members of KA pose at Camp Tiak where they perform community service.

*Bottom left:* Children in the community were treated to a fun time as USM Greeks lent their time to make their Halloween enjoyable. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Bottom right:* Members of ΔΣΘ hosted a Easter Egg Hunt for the children at Aldersgate Mission. *Photo by Mark Farmer*







*Top of the page:* ΔΣΘ members and the children at Aldersgate Mission. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Above:* Members of ΑΔΠ at the Ronald McDonald House. Along with donating to this cause, they also give their time at the local Domestic Abuse Shelter.

*Far left:* Members of ΠΒΦ are watch as neighborhood children bob for apples on Greek Street. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Left:* Neighborhood children show off their costumes. *Photo by Mark Farmer*



# Special Programs

NPHC fraternities and sororities offer programs to inform and educate

*Right: ΩΨΦ hosted a Prostate and Breast Cancer forum on April 3. Pictured here panel members (left to right) Ember Ahua, Kerri Jones, Kewan Jackson, Jesse Bullock, and Tiffany Simpson. Photo by Marceta Allen*

*Below and bottom left: ΔΣΘ and The Healing Touch treated women to a night of pampering at "I am Woman" on April 3. Photos by Jenny Fisk*

*Bottom right: Dr. Alphonso Willis was the guest speaker at ΩΨΦ's forum program. Here Thomas Figures presents Dr. Willis with a plaque. Photo by Marceta Allen*







*Top of the page:* Wilecia Galloway helps direct the crowd's questions to the panel at the Prostate and Breast Cancer forum. *Photo by Marceta Allen*

*Above:* Roderick Gilbert reads at  $\Omega\Psi\Phi$ - $\Delta\Sigma\Theta$ 's Love Jones Poetry Night held on April 2. *Photo by Marceta Allen*

*Far left:* AKA and AΦA hosted their annual Mr. Esquire Pageant on April 18. Pictured here are contestants (*front to back*) Michael Welch, Jeffrey Graves, Prince Winston, and Lamorris Curtis. *Photo by Marceta Allen*

*Left:* The group Unique Image performed for the crowd at the Mr. Esquire Pageant. *Photo by Marceta Allen*



# In Perfect Rhythm: Steps

By Danielle Prejean

Among historically black fraternities and sororities, stepshows are a well known tradition. The unity of the steppers, the pride in their fraternity or sorority, and the synchronicity of the entire performance is enjoyed by both the members and non-Greeks who get the opportunity to see the shows.

"Stepping is a complex performance involving synchronized, percussive movements, as well as singing, speaking, chanting, and drama," said Kela Horne of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

Stepping can be traced back to a South African boot dance, but became popular after World War II. When the African American soldiers returned from the war, they joined fraternities and sororities and implemented their military line formations and steps into African dance.

Stepshows made their first appearance at the Interfraternity Conference of 1922 held in Washington, D.C., where black Greek men performed to impress the ladies.

Many say that the purpose of stepping is exhibition, displaying talents. Each organization has its own style based on precision, speed, or technicality. Fraternities and sororities are starting to implement fire and acrobatics into their routines. Acrobatics are now possible because many of the participants are talented dancers with the ability to perform complicated stunts.

Step teams consist of anywhere from five to 20 members with a stepmaster. The stepmaster choreographs and puts the show together. Preparing a quality show can take from three weeks to a month, with members practicing three to four times a week.

Stepping is a form of entertainment, but it is also an important way for African-Americans to express their identity and heritage.

"I like to see individuals come together as a group and express themselves," Horne said.

"Since I am from Nigeria, it is a way for me to pay homage to my sorority history as well as my history," said Ember Ahua of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. "Black Greek history came out of Black history."

"It is an opportunity to have the whole world at your feet watching you and listening to what you have to say," said Thomas Figures of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Stepshows can sometimes be organized into contests in which other colleges can participate. USM openly invites other step teams from most southern states. Most shows have six to 10 groups with about one or two from USM.

The winning team at each step show receives \$1000 to \$2000 dollars in prize money. The prize money is a recruiting tool used to encourage other schools to participate.

During the course of a year, different fraternities and sororities have a promotion week, which includes a stepshow. Blue and White Week is sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. Omega Psi Phi fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta sorority sponsor Que-Delta Week. Skee-Phi week is sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. There is also Sigma Gamma Rho (sorority) Week and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Week. All fraternities and sororities participate in NPHC Week.

"Stepping is so impressive because there are so many movements based on one beat," Horne said. "Teamwork is very important."

"It takes incredible stamina to dance so vigorously for 15 minutes," Ahua said. "One beat can throw everything off."

"At stepshows, we all try to represent our organization well," Figures said. "We are trying to entertain and prove that we are the best in the Greek system."





# ns Showcase Talent and Pride



*Left:* Stepshows are events where fraternities and sororities express themselves through a choreographed routine. Students look forward to these events for they can get a glimpse of the Greek life and Greek pride. Pictured here are members of ΔΣΘ. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Below:* ZΦB sisters from Ole Miss perform a the Blue and White Week stepshow held on February 22. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Lower left:* A member of ΦΒΣ from Alcorn. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Bottom of the page:* ΑΦΑ brothers perform at a Hop Contest during Blue and Gold Week. During NPHC Greek weeks, stepshows on the front steps of the Commons are highly anticipated. *Photo by Narasi Ramachandran*





# Stepshows continued

*Right:* ΦΒΣ brothers from Alcorn perform at the ΔΣΘ-ΩΨΦ stepshow, held on Friday April 5.

*Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Far right:* Alester Rials and Kewan Jackson(right to left) of the Nu Eta chapter of ΩΨΦ. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Below:* Members of ΦΒΣ from Alcorn entertain the crowd at the Zeta Phi Beta stepshow on February 22. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Bottom left:* Members of ΔΣΘ and ΑΚΑ show their unity through strutting. This is a scene from a hop contest from Blue and Gold Week, hosted by ΣΓΡ. *Photo by Tiffany Smith*

*Bottom right:* ΩΨΦ brother Kwantrell Green. *Photo by Narasi Ramachandran*







*Left: Kewan Jackson, Azland Dubose, and Alester Rials (left to right) of ΩΨΦ perform at the stepshow held during Que-Delta Week 2002. Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Below: Member of the Mu Nu chapter ΔΣΘ opened the stepshow with cheerleader-themed performance. Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Bottom picture: ΦΒΣ's from Alcorn emulate the ΣΓΡ, ΑΚΑ, and ΔΣΘ sororities at the Que-Delta stepshow. Photo by Mark Farmer*





# The Choice is Yours:

By Amanda Gilbert

Sorority rush is comprised of four days of gatherings where newcomers to USM or returning students get to know the individual Greek groups on campus through various songs, dances and skits. Normally, 300 to 400 young women participate in sorority rush. This year, each sorority pledged about 40 new members.

Sororities begin preparing for the fall rush season before leaving school the prior spring semester, and they attend workshops throughout the summer. Just before rush week, members of each sorority return to campus to put the final touches on their presentations.

Any young woman who will be attending USM in the fall semester is eligible to go through rush. The prospective members spend the previous summer break learning about the Greek system and the individual chapters on campus. The prospective members stay in the dorms during rush week and frequent parties based on an invitation system.

Each day during rush, the sororities narrow the list of those they want to invite back to the parties. Then, they make a final vote on who they want to invite to become a member. This causes stress for the sorority members as well as with the prospective members.

Rush week ends with Bid Day. This is when the final list of the new pledges in each sorority is announced. It is an exciting time for sorority members and their new recruits. Later in the semester, there is a ceremony that officially makes each girl a pledge for the sorority.

Sororities give pledges the chance to partake in organized group meetings, formals and other gatherings, such as pep rallies, tailgating and football games. Pledges are encouraged to give their best effort to participate in many if the events of the sorority while managing good academic performance. The sorority members also try to make the pledges' time at USM a fun and memorable one.



**Top of the page:** KAT members (back row, left to right) Stefani Lott, Mary Baggett, Shelly Gallender, Stephanie Smith, Laura Finley, Sarah Hasler, Libby Dew (middle) Angela Goundas, Stephanie Hodges, Christina McVay, Dawn Hymel, (front) Christy Broadus, Brittany Gueringer, and Nancy Loundsberry.

**Center:** The celebration at the Phi Kappa Tau house.

**Right:** Pi Kapps in front of "The Bubble" before Bid Day this past fall.



# Bid Day



*Top of the page:* Justin "Chunk" Nossner at the Mud Pool on Kappa Alpha's Bid Day 2001.

*Above:* ΦKT on Bid Day.

*Right:* Pi Phi's on Bid Day; (left to right) Kristen Lowe, Andrea Adams, Lindsey Rolph, Shannon Artique, and Rachel Culver.



# Coming Together: Greek Week 2002



*Above:* Greek Week was held April 23-25. Members of ΣΧ, ΦΜ, and ΩΨΦ entertain the crowd at the step show held on April 25. *Photo by Davia Lassiter*

*Right:* ΔΣΘ members and ΑΤΩ's Derrick Procell (*left*) and Ross Barrios (*right*) performed with ΑΔΠ members. *Photo by Catina Evans*

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*Top of the page:* Greek Games was held on April 23. (*left*) Claudia Maya presides as (*right*) Lori Vaughn attempts to answer. *Photos by Mark Farmer*

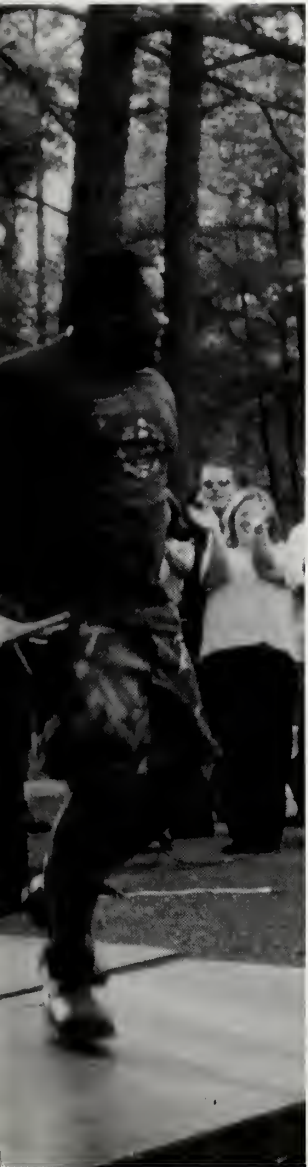
*Center:* Shown here are members of ΔΓ, ΖΦΒ, and ΗΚΑ. *Photo by Catina Evans*

*Bottom of the page:* Ivy Day was held on April 24. ΑΚΑ, along with other sororities, set up carnival booths for Hattiesburg children on Pride Field. *Photos by Mark Farmer*





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# Greek Week continued



*Above:* This little girl tries to win a prize at AKA's Ivy Day. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Right:* ΦΒΣ's A.Z. McKenzie, Paul Nelson, and Ayla Williams of ΚΔ show their spirit at the step show. *Photo by Davia Lassiter*

*Far right:* ΦΜ was one of the many sororities that participated in Ivy Day. *Photo by Mark Farmer*

*Below:* Members of ΖΦΒ celebrate after winning a trophy in the stepshow. *Photo by Catina Evans*





# Rho Chi:

## What a rush!



By Danielle Prejean

New freshman females looking to join a sorority not only have to face the usual freshman fears, such as loneliness and academic failure, but they also have to worry about not being accepted to their sorority of choice. The job of a Rho Chi is to guide the women through the rush process and to calm the fears by offering support.

During the week of rush, the Rho Chis disaffiliate from their sororities in order to offer an unbiased opinion to the girls. "The girls come first," said Amanda King, Chi Omega sorority.

The Rho Chis work in pairs to comfort the girls that do not get a bid from the sorority they had been hoping to join, and they disband any rumors about the different sororities.

One of the many questions the women had was what certain sororities were looking for. According to King, one of the most important qualities for any sorority is Christian ideals. King also said that selection has nothing to do with how much money someone has. Sororities also look for scholarship and how involved the women were in their high schools.

During rush, the Rho Chis stay in the dorms with the freshman women and keep them busy. King decorated her floor with chili peppers and took the new freshman to Chili's for supper one evening. She called her girls "tacos", and they called her their "big burrito."

Another source of amusement for the women was trying to guess which sorority their Rho Chis were from. King placed a poster up in the hall with the names of all the sororities and each day of the week. Everyday the women would post their guesses. "It was so much fun to go down the hall singing Tri Delt songs," King said. "I could throw the Delta Gamma sign real well."

At the end of the week, the revelation shocked the freshmen. "No one would have put me as being a Chi Omega," King said.

King said that she learned how proud she was of the Greek system because she got to see it from the other side. She learned things about herself that she did not know she could do. She also said that it was a good experience to be united with the other sororities. "We're all Greek," she said.

This year King was elected as the vice president of recruiting for Panhellenic. She is now in charge of the applications and the Rho Chis. She has to revise the rules of the rush process and turn in sororities that break those rules.

While she is excited about being elected to the position, she is disappointed about not having any girls to oversee. "I miss the girls so much," King said. "They were so optimistic and caring."

Even though King will not be in charge of any girls this year, she said that she would never forget her little "tacos." "I couldn't have asked for a better floor," she said.

*Above:* Rho Chi combines information about sororities and fun events to help interested girls to choose a group to join.

*Below:* A scene from a Rho Chi retreat.

*Bottom of the page:* Rho Chi members Maria Koskan and Tami Munsch.







# Greek

## Experience of a Lifetime

Interview by Alexis Spicer  
Written by Davia Lassiter

### Thomas Figures

College is a time for young adults to meet new people and share their experiences with them, forming life long friends. For young men, acceptance into a fraternity is one way to achieve this. Thomas Figures, senior management information systems major, is one of many males who have taken the opportunity to do exactly this when he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Inc.

Figures said he decided to pledge because he wanted to be part of a brotherhood. He added, "I wanted to join an organization that would give me a channel to help others as far as community service is concerned and also to give me an opportunity to network and to get to know people nationwide and also on an international basis."

Figures was already familiar with Omega Psi Phi; his father was a member of the 1955 spring line at Alabama State University. "I grew up around his fraternity brothers,

and I saw the way that they interacted with each other. I saw the true brotherhood and friendship that they had for each other, and I felt like that was something I wanted to be a part of," he said. Although Figures said this was not his primary reason for his choice of fraternity, he expressed he was happy with his decision.

After being in the first line of Omega Psi Phi after a six-year suspension, Figures said, "I had the opportunity to

structure or set precedence towards how my chapter was perceived for the coming years."

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Malisha Turk

Upon coming to USM, females have the opportunity to become a part of a sorority and be introduced to Greek traditions, sisterhood, and history.

Malisha Turk is one of

the many females who took advantage of this opportunity when, in 1998, she became a member of Chi Omega. The freshman pledge is now a senior, currently serving as president.

Turk said her reason to "go Greek" was based on many factors. A Hattiesburg native, she acknowledged the fact she would already know people at USM. Aside from this, she said, "I wanted a chance to branch out and make new friends and meet new people. I've always heard of the Greek reputation of community service and scholarship."

Turk felt the women in Chi Omega were truly her friends and the people with whom she felt comfortable. She had also researched sororities and found the morals and values of Chi Omega appealing to her. "Chi-O had high values and morals based on Christian ideals and that was something I was really interested in," Turk said. "I think that really stuck out in my mind."

Turk credits being Greek to changes and differences in her life. "I think I've gained a lot from it, not only the social aspect

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# Brother

## Thomas Figures

agreed that Greek life has its pros and cons. He highlighted the friendships that are formed and the networking aspects. He said one con was loss of individuality.

"People don't refer to you as 'Thomas Figures' anymore," he said. "They refer to you as 'Thomas the Que' ". However, Figures noted this was one of the aspects of the life that his fraternity prepares members for. "We learn coming into this fraternity that you're no longer an individual. Now you're a member; now you're an Omega man and you represent this fraternity...but we're still individuals in this fraternity," he said.

Figures conquered loss of individuality by determining to make himself known before pledging. He said, "That was my most important thing before I joined my fraternity to make a name for myself. I came in [with] a Leadership

Scholarship and therefore [was] required to become active." Figures has been a member of various groups such as SGA, Men of

Excellence, and the Union Advisory Board. He has also held campus and state positions with his fraternity.

When asked if being Greek pushes for campus involvement, Figures said students should already have a drive to be leaders on campus. However, for some students, he said being Greek can enhance their college experience. "If you don't already have that drive in you, hopefully becoming

Greek will definitely put that in you because I know it has done that for a few of the members of Omega Psi Phi," he said.

Figures

said becoming Greek has affected his college experience. He credits it to an improved personality and social skills. It also affected his

life overall. "It definitely has given me insight on what to expect in life," he said. "The thing I love about my fraternity is that they are

men of all social statuses...and you can learn something from almost every member of my fraternity."

To Figures, being Greek involves being a leader. "To be a Greek definitely means that you must be [a] somewhat role model for the community. To be a Greek you have to definitely be a leader but also know how to follow. You should be a cut above the rest," he said. "It [being Greek] can benefit you but it also has its disadvantages. There are stereotypes [of] some certain fraternities and organizations, but that's part of being a Greek. You have to overcome stereotypes and be a leader and excel."

Preparation and determination is the advice given he gives to students interested in pledging. "Definitely prepare yourself as much as possible. Being on the outside looking in, you don't know what to expect. Definitely know as much as possible about the organization that you want to become a member of; know why you want to become a member, and definitely come to that organization with something to offer," he said.

"Don't come hoping it will make you a better person. Have the attitude that you can offer the organization something."

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# Sister

## Malisha Turk

and the friendship aspect, but I've held an office, whether it be as a new member or community service. I really think it's really taught me a lot as far as leadership skills and it's really prepared me for the future and different challenges but I think that overall it's just made me a better person," she said.

Turk had expectations of the Greek life before she joined. She said although they changed, the change was not great. "I think when I began I expected to have some lifelong friends and have different aspects of what a sorority would like, but I think I've gained a lot more than what I perceived in the beginning," she said.

While there are advantages in being a part of the Greek community, there are also downsides. Turk said networking is one of the pros of pledging. Instilled standards is another. She said a con is time management. However, she said "It does take up your

time if you allow it to."

For Turk, this has not been a problem. Aside from being in Chi Omega, Turk has been involved in numerous organizations such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega (a Greek honor society), Golden Key Honor Society, Diamond Darlings, and a Legacy Board.

Turk says her sorority encourages their women to try to remain involved in

outside groups.

"To be a Greek, I think there is a certain prestige and a certain common bond that you share with other Greek members," she said.

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"I think that it's something I consider very honorable and very high on my list of accomplishments because I've done so much with it, and I've seen so many other people become involved due to a Greek system or due to a

particular chapter. I think to be Greek means to be very proud."

Turk thinks the ideal role of a Greek is to be a role model, a leader, to set good examples, and to live by the standards of each sorority and fraternity. She said, "Let others know what the Greek system can do and the benefits that you can reap from it."

Being Greek is beneficial to both the student and the university. Turk said, "For the most part, it definitely sheds a positive light." She pointed out most of the leaders and students with above average GPAs are Greek.

Turk said the Greek life thrives off of certain traditions and friendships. Another factor was excellence.

"I think that we really try to strive for excellence in all things that we do in and out of the Greek system."

Turk believes there is a place for everybody in the Greek system. She advises to make the best of the opportunity.

# Southern GROUPS

Organizations provide a way for students to get involved, meet other students and become leaders on campus.

Students made lasting friendships by attending date auctions, dances, block parties and movie nights.

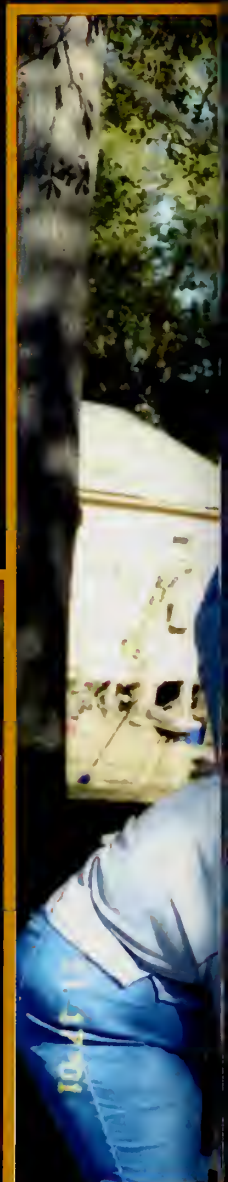
“Becoming involved in organizations enhances the college experience.”

-John Burks  
Director of Student Activities

UAC's Fall Fest was a way for Freshmen to get acquainted with USM and start the college experience off with a few familiar faces. SGA brought to the campus the well known bands Cookout and King Konga for entertainment during Homecoming. RHA provided the students with charitable events such as the AIDS Run for Life.

The USM campus had a successful year for student activities with the chartering of several new clubs such as the Southern Miss Campus Civitan Group and the Comedy Improv Club.

USM has organizations for students of all interests and every major.







# LIVING IT UP UAC STYLE

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*Pictured (left to right) are Jerron Mannery, Sabir Adul-Hogg. Not Pictured are Amon 'Ra and Kim Anderson.*

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*Pictured (left to right) are (1st row) John Allen (Advertising Chair), (2nd row) Pac Dimone, Latoya Shuhira Ali, Tracy Holmes, Tyra Samaer, (3rd row) Al Thames, Stephen Ryan, Al Lewis, and Johnathan Rett.*



*UAC as a whole including Officers, Major Entertainment, Variety, Special Projects, Tech, Union, and Advertisement.*

## VARIETY



*Pictured (left to right) are (1st row) Jessica Rando (Variety Officer), (2nd row) Eddie Beasley, Sarah Heidelberg, Roh Peebles, Bobby Lutz, (3rd row) Stephen Ryan, and John Kimball. Not pictured is Miriam Sabree.*

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*Pictured (left to right) are (1st row) Eric Kelly, KaRensa Polk, Kamesha McLaurin (Chair), Jarvis Blackmon, Lakisha Frye, (2nd row) Yolanda Harris, Alphonse Taylor, Shavonn Nowlin, Jade Fraiser, and Derrick Hartfield.*



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Major Entertainment (left to right) are (1st row) Rhodie Lacoste, Tonya Avery, Marilyn Liddy, Tiffany Simpson (Major Ent. Chair), Kathryn Hadlow, Evelyn Mays, (2nd row) Chad Anderson, Desiree', Ashton Thompson, Tiffany Clemmons, Calvin Dixon, (3rd row) Jerry Heidelberg, and Aaron Watkins.

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Special Projects (left to right) are (1st row) Krystin Breland, Katie Stone (Officer), Sonya Roncali, (2nd row) Alisia Spinks, Terry Moore, Ashley Roth, and Paul Blanchard.

# Return of Reggae Fest

By Fred Clarke



Students enjoy everything the Reggae Fest has to offer. Evelyn Mays shows her scarf tying skills on Briana Elam (left). Calvin Dixon and Rob Pebbles give out voodoo dolls (right), while Tiffany Clemmons tells the future like Miss Cleo (center).

## OFFICERS



(1st row) Kamesha McLaurin, Katie Stone, Tiffany Simpson, (2nd row) John Allen, Jessica Rando, and Brant Ryan.

Music, Style, Food and Fun - UAC brought Reggae Fest back to USM this year.

Reggae Fest is an event sponsored by University Activities Council where USM students can come experience the atmosphere of the Caribbean heritage.

"Reggae music is the cry of the people," said senior Amon Ra, tech. committee chair. "It's about change for the betterment of people, whether it be in politics or circumstance."

The festival offered Caribbean style food and entertainment at the Commons for all students to enjoy. Ronald Reggae performed live, and the Commons catered food for the event.

"I came to enjoy good food and music," graduate student Justin Alger said.

The students dressed in tie-dyed clothing and colored bandanas. UAC members did face

paintings, head wraps, hair string-ing and fortune telling. They also made voodoo dolls and held a dance contest. The Underground set up a booth for the festival, and there was a booth for caricature drawings.

The students commented that UAC had not held Reggae Fest the past few years, and there was a demand for its return.

"UAC is kind of like from the students for the students," said freshman Kathryn Hadlow, member of the major entertainment committee. "They put in ideas for what they want to do, and we make it happen."

"UAC is about organizing and promoting campus activities and having fun," said sophomore Sonya Roncali, a first year UAC member. That is exactly what UAC did with Reggae Fest. The Reggae style took over the Commons as UAC brought the students what they wanted.



# Student Government Association



*Cabinet Board members: (1st row) Elizabeth Porter (Treasurer), Labaron T. Massey (Attorney General), Angela Patterson (President), Thomas Barker (Vice President), T. Monique Cunningham (Election Commissioner), (2nd row) Valerie Barfield, Doris Adam, Chrystal Haynes, Thomas Figures, Mick Bullock, Spring-Serenity O'Neal, (3rd row) Jacki Eakes, Chris Moore, Carrie Parker, Ashley Tullos, Absalom Thomas, Andrea Blake, Adeline Abbenyi, Michele Yarbrough, Alanda James, Chad Cornett, Blake Hamm, Alex Thames, Demario M. Green, Natalie S. Everett, Joyce Ford, Jered Lofius.*



*Senate members: (1st row) Robert Whitley Sargent at Arms, Thomas Barker (Senate President), Beth Francis (Senate Secretary), Derrick S. Procell (Senate Pro Tempore), (2nd row) Jason Quigle, Rod Pebbles, Katie McGee, Louie Garrett, Enjoli Thompson, (3rd row) Kim Lennon Kay Wilbert, Myrle Tallman, Chad Luter, Shavon Nowlin, Alicia Lane, Sarah Spingener, Curnis Uplins III, Carol Taylor, Reginald Woods, (4th row) Jeff Jernigan, Amy Cuevas, John L. Smalley, Matt Pennington, LaSonia Dedeaux, Kewan Jackson.*



*All branches of the Student Government Association (Cabinet, Senate, Judicial Board, and Freshman Associates)*



This year, SGA worked to show that they do have a great effect on campus. A lot of legislation has been proposed and passed, which will affect students in their classes, in the dorms, and in their studies.

One of the most controversial bills passed this year will place plaques encribed with the motto "In God We Trust" in every builing on campus. The bill was proposed to the SGA senate shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks and was designed to stand as a sign of patriotism and nationalism at the school.

Some senators stood against the bill. Jessica Neno pointed out that the "In God We Trust" could offend many students on campus. After several debates, SGA president Angela Patterson signed the bill.

"I signed the bill because once it became a matter of religion or moral value, it had no place in SGA," Patterson said. "It was clouding the focus of some of the senators, and it needed to be out of the way."

SGA also passed a textbook reform bill. "This bill was designed to give students a new option for buying texbooks," said SGA vice president Toby Barker.

This bill will create a textbook advisory board that will allow students to advertise the textbooks they have for sale on bulletin boards, at a textbook convention, and on SGA's web page so that other students can easily find used books for cheaper prices. The bill will also require that the Textbook Center put a note in each book saying whether they will or will not purchase the book back.

Other legislation currently developing in SGA includes naming the new dorm after Oseola McCarty, creating an online teacher evaluation so that the students can see the evaluations, and possibly turning the powerhouse across from rhe Cook Library into an all night Internet cafe.

Officers pictured are Elizabeth Porter (Treasurer), Angela Patterson (President), T. Monique Cunningham (Election Commissioner), 9 (2nd row) Thomas Barker (Vice-President), Michael Mitchell (Advisor), LaBaron Massey (Attorney General).



Leadership Council (1st row ) Erica Charlesworth (Secretary), Holly Lerouge (Secretary), Brett Morris (President), Romika Bridges (Treasurer), (2nd row) Frank R. Henryerson, Angela Dobbe, Olivia Robinson, Ashley Helmick, Crystal Kubiak, Courtney Hall, Laura Lewis, Chad Cornetl (Advisor), Carla Finklea, Kathryn Criddell, Paul Blanchard, Chris Lowery, Elizabeth Hanks, Michelle Heard.



Freshman Associates pictured are ( 1st row) Christine Trevil (Programming Committee Head), Ryan Kelly (Treasure), Allison Gouaux (Secretary), marilyn Leddy (VP), Carrie Parker ( Demario Green (Advisor), (2nd row) Katarra Anderson, Elizabeth Weldon, Lindsey Shannon, Heidi Tanner, Lindsey Price, Jennifer White, Jessica Phelps, Lauren Elias, Kelly Quinn, Claudia Maya, Prince Winston, (3rd row) Anna Sledge, Sarah Hosman, Stephen Ryan, Jared Carrubba, Todd Robinson, Krista Davis, Paula Murriel, Rebecca Burris, Chad King, Courtney Denton, Elbernita Martin, and Sherri Wesley.



# Baptist Student Union



By Fred Clarke

According to the Baptist Student Union, their purpose is "to make Christ known to others and to encourage Christians to know him more. (They) want to challenge your faith and give you an opportunity to serve God and others here on campus."

"BSU is a great atmosphere because people are happy and are willing to get to know you," said sophomore Chris Moore. "They love people and love reaching out to the campus and the community."

The BSU kicks off every year with a survival weekend – one for the new freshmen and one for new transfer students. The survival weekend provides these new students with a strong community of friends and councilors for them at the beginning of the year.

The BSU has services every Tuesday at 6:01 and every Thursday at 12:01. Tuesday is a time of worship and praise with the BSU's praise team. On Thursdays the BSU provides lunch.

Besides providing students with a strong support group, the BSU extends its outreach ministries as far as Burkina Faso, Africa. Recently, 56 students from the university's BSU went to Boston to help three of their former members. Three previous members of the BSU are currently Baptist College Ministers at MIT, Harvard, and UMASS at Lowell.

"We go to help out students where they are," said Lloyd Lunceford, BSU Director.

sixteen BSU members will also go to Burkina Faso, Africa, where two other BSU members are currently in the ministry. The BSU does sports clinics, drama, and puppet shows for the people of Burkina Faso.

*The BSU kicks off the 2001-2002 school year with the survival weekend. They gather at the BSU to begin what will be a weekend that they will never forget. No one outside the BSU family really knows what goes on during survival weekend, but a picture is worth a thousand words.*





## PRE -LAW SOCIETY



*Left to right (1st row) Adam Sencenbough, Lisa Ross Eidson, Nathan Taylor, Daniel Blankenshop, ( 2nd row) Shawn Nanney, Yvona L. Rijdsdijk, Keith Ball.*

## AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION



*Left to right (1st row:) Deven Grathan, AorienneHicks, Dawn McKee, (2nd row) Melissa Bryant, Hannah Kerns, (3rd row) Ashley Giardina, ValarieBarfield, (4th row) Milissa Stamboulie, Leigha Hendry, Gina Hull, (5th row) Jennifer Brinegar, Ashley Redmond, Allison Barr.*

# College Panhellenic Council



*Top Left picture DELEGATES (1st row) Kay Wilbert, Ashley Walsten, Jennifer Montgomery, Tai Curry, (2nd row) Malana Richardson, Mary Baggett, Lindsay Rolph, Katie Jack, and Carol Taylor.*

*Left Middle NEW EXEC. (1st row) Melissa Lechner (President), Sarah Blanchard (VP of Education Programming), Amanda King (VP of Recruitment), Majellen Fox (VP of Public Relations), (2nd row) Lauren Buckaew (VP of Administrative Affairs), Lauren Lindsey (VP of Philanthropy), Jessica White (VP of Risk Management), and Megan Miller (VP of Scholarship).*

*Left Bottom OLD EXEC. (1st row) Lezlie Moore, Marquette Guerin, Amy Wingrave, Erin Buchwald, (2nd row) Suzanne Mullis, Mandy Campbell, Melissa Lechner, and Maria Koskan.*

*Top Right Jr. PANHELLENIC (1st row) Christen Heidingsfelder, Angela Dobbe, Claudia Maya, Marquette Guerin, (2nd row) Whitney Dennis, Ashley Donewar, Laura Lewis, Lindsey Price, Lindsey Shannon, Jennifer Duke, and Emily Morrow.*

By Fred Clarke

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPC) is Greek Life organization that focuses on and helps develop philanthropy, scholarship, leadership, and women's awareness issues in college sororities.

"This year we focused on unity," said Melissa Lechner, president of USM's NPC organization. "We are trying to get more involved especially with the NPHC (the African American National Pan-Hellenic Council). We have participated in and supported each other in philanthropies. Unity has been a big goal for us."

There was a National Pan-Hellenic Conference this year to celebrate the centennial of the organization. At the conference addressed the naming of NPC across America.

"All colleges were referring to themselves as 'National Pan-Hellenic Council,'" Lechner said. However, according to the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, the college organizations are only branches of the NPC. Next year the NPC organizations across America will refer to themselves as the College Pan-Hellenic Council (CPC).

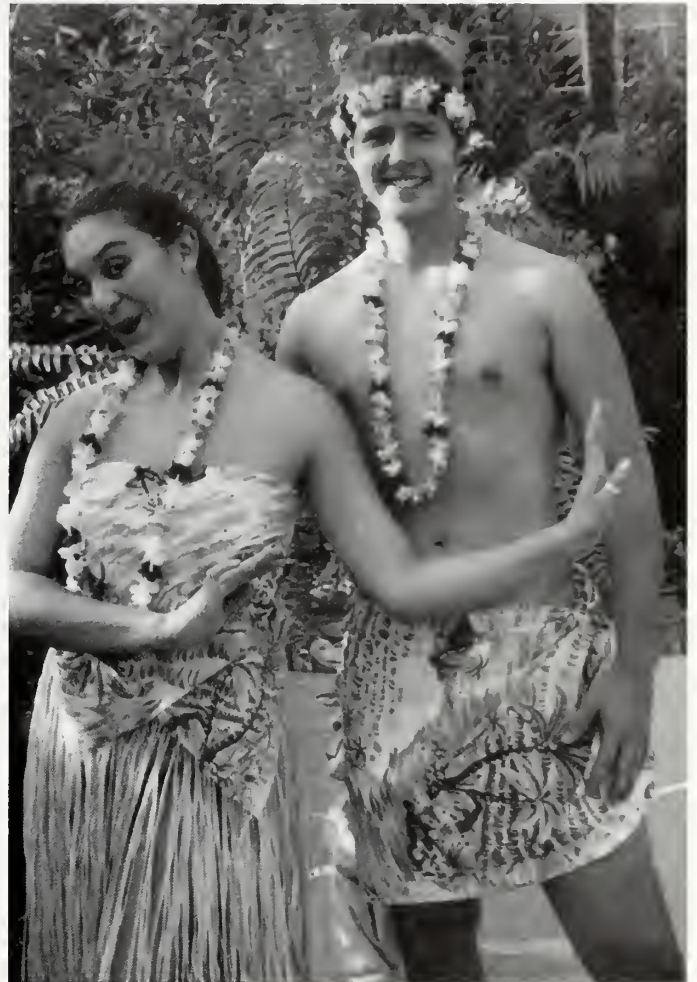




# Wesley Foundation



Throughout the year, the Wesley Foundation encourages worship and prayer with activities that keeps all its members active. It is important for them to show how they maintain a good relationship with God, without having members alter their beliefs and views. The first two pictures were taken at the Awakening Luau. The group picture (top left) was taken before the festivities began. Nan Eichelberger shows Rusty Moak all her moves as they dance the night away (top right). Jeremy Flowers, Casey Hankins, and Shawn Flowers show that they are more than just pretty faces at the Wesley Golf Tournament (right middle left), while Lori Griswold, Sam Krhut, Holly Stephan, Chanta Cole, Laurence Wainwright, Mark Neilson, Ryan Smith, and Mary Jessica Grant show that eight heads are better than one (middle right). And to bring the year to a close, the Wesley Foundation takes a group picture after worship (right bottom).



By Elizabeth Slade

To many, the Wesley Foundation is a home away from home. USM students from all different backgrounds, races and beliefs come together at the Wesley to worship God. Every Tuesday night, students can participate in JAM (Jesus and Me), which is a comtemporary praise and worship service that is usually visited by a speaker. Wednesday nights, they hold a bible study, and Thursday a lunch is provided by different groups from the community. Also, the students can participate in communion, which is shared with other religious organizations at Danforth Chapel every Wednesday.

In addition to the weekly events, the Wesley Foundation also participates in activities such as retreats, community service projects, intramural sports and occasional road trips.

They also do several activities with surrounding churches, such as providing worship, music and sermons. This year, Wesley members sponsored the annual Swing Dance at Main Street Methodist Church and participated in Friends of Wesley Dinner at Parkway Heights Methodist Church. Other events include Statewide Wesley, Coffee House, Thanksgiving dinner and Resolution.

The Wesley Foundation is a Methodist organization, but anyone is welcome. Members cover numerous denominations, and everyone can find a place at the Wesley. Wesley members greet and accept all who come. It is a place where lifelong friends are made and people can come have fun and be themselves.



## Dietetic Association



*(Left to right) Paul Gross, Mindy Phillips, Cindy Allison, Lisa Parker, Joanne Leavenway, Katina Jenkins, Amber Kestler, Dr. Wayne Billion (Advisor), Colleen Prescott, Staci Simon, Ashley Sanford, Heather Craford, Olivia Ard, Jennifer Gibbons, Tori Thompson, Paige Williamson, and Kelly Britt.*

## Sigma Lambda Chi



*(1st row) Michael Nelson, Seth Johnson, John Smalley, (2nd row) Timothy Gobble, James Matthews (Vice Presidents), Sam Whitmire, Jeremy Bennett, Steven Singleton, Lee Johnson, Mark Snowden (President), and Scott McArthur.*



# *THE STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION*

## **GEORGE HURST CHAPTER**



By: Danielle Prejean

The George Hurst chapter of the Student Education Association (SEA) is a professional and service organization made up of pre-service teachers.

According to Dr. Jesse Palmer, SEA faculty advisor, the purpose of the organization is to introduce students to various professional aspects of education and to get them involved in these aspects before they graduate.

The Student Education Association is one of the oldest organizations on campus and consists of over 200 members. They are affiliated with the Mississippi Association of Educators and the National Education Association.

Each year SEA gives \$600 to three different pre-service teachers. The qualifications to compete for this scholarship are a high GPA, membership in SEA, and involvement in service and other activities on campus.

Members pay dues each year, which go toward scholarships and service projects. In return for these dues, SEA members get publications from the National Education Association and \$1 million of liability coverage when they go into the school system.

SEA participated in the UAC's Halloween Carnival by setting up a booth where children could fish for candy. They helped with Operation Christmas Child, which sends shoeboxes of gifts to children all over the world. SEA also funded education materials for the Gunn Curriculum Center and celebrated American Education Week.

Each year SEA sends some of its members to the Mississippi Association of Educators convention in Jackson, Miss.

According to Palmer, the future goal of SEA is to get more students involved in the organization.

## DELTA SIGMA PI



Left to right (1st row) Gregory L. Smith (Senior Vice-President), Amanda Gilbert (Secretary), Celeste Eubanks (V.P. Professional Activities), Stephen Stanboudieh (Chancellor), Gina Hull (Historian), (2nd row) Hannak Bolton, Nateama Quinn, Felisha Diamond, Shunda Moore, Ellen Glenn, Denise Miller.

## NAACP



Left to right (1st row) Yale Johnson (Treasurer), Lakecia Harris (Adviser), Moses Fox III (President), Keshia M. Alexander (Secretary), (2nd row) Melissa Phillips, Ricesha Clark, Tanwara Clark, Roderick J. Gilbert, Jacinta M. Spight, (3rd row) Kimberly Robinson, Shalanda Poe, Katie Irving, Nakesha Allen, Wilicia L. Galloway, (4th row) Alphonse Taylor, Barry Williams (Press & Publicity Chairman), Crystal Thomas, Norris Burns, Annice Ma by, Andrea Williams. Not Pictured is Akim Ceasar (Vice-President).

# HONORS



Officers pictured are Adrienne Studaway, Katherine Anderson, Elizabeth Cardwell, Julie Dunn, Jennifer Smith, and Gillian Nelson.

By Fred Clarke

This year, the Honors student Association started requiring its members to work a minimum of two community service hours every month. "We wanted to be more involved," said senior Gillian Nelson, president of HSA. "Some of the community service projects are announced by HSA to its members, but students can acquire their hours in their own way as well." In this way, honors students reach more groups in the community.

The main purpose of the Honors Student Association, according to Gillian Nelson is to serve as a liaison between Honors College Students and Honors College administration. "HSA gives Honors College students a way to voice concerns and ideas," Nelson said. HSA also provide a social outlet for Honors College students. This years main events were the Honors College Picnic and the Honors College Dance.

"The picnic is the first get-together every year for all Honors Colleges students," Nelson said. "At the beginning of ever year, all of the older Honors College students get to meet the newer ones and vice versa.

The Honors Student Association has accomplished a lot this year. Membership is three times what it was last year. "I'm proud of it," Nelson said. "Everyone works really hard to make the organization successful. We are an up-and-coming organization."



# STUDENT ASSOCIATION



*(1st row) Jennifer Smith, Gillian Nelson, Katherine Anderson, Adrienne Studaway, Elizabeth Cardwell, Julie Dunn, (2nd row) Sarah Hosman, Lauren Broome, Emilie Laiche, Jessica Burt, Jennifer White, (3rd row) Malonie Grasha, Anna Smith, Alicia Lane, Ashleigh Pearson, and Audrey Cowart.*



*The Honors Student Association awards students who excel in their studies. It is important for students to have an education, and the HSA acknowledges the hard work and dedication through social events and weekend activities.*





The National Pan- Hellenic Council is the umbrella organization consisting of the nine historically black fraternities and sororities. Only seven are here on USM campus.



Alpha Phi Alpha



Phi Beta Sigma



Omega Psi Phi



Alpha Kappa Alpha



Delta Sigma Theta



# NATIONAL PAN - HELLENIC COUNCIL



Sigma Gamma Rho



Zeta Phi Beta

By Danielle Prejean

The purpose of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is to govern the historically black Greek organizations at USM. The organization strives to promote scholarship, friendship, and a sense of unity among black fraternities and sororities.

Each year NPHC sponsors educational programs especially designed to address issues faced by African-Americans. They held a seminar called "Confrontations of Color" that dealt with the differences of skin color among African-Americans.

They also did a program on sexual awareness for their auxiliary groups at high schools in Hattiesburg. A couple of the auxiliary groups that attended this function were Kappa League, affiliated with Kappa Alpha Psi, and Omega Prep, affiliated with Omega Psi Phi.

NPHC has two forms of retreats each year for its members. The first kind of retreat orients new members of the Greek system. They learn about the functions of Greek life and the purpose of NPHC. The NPHC members have the opportunity to meet other new members from other Greek organizations.

The second form of retreat is the overall retreat. Seventy-five percent of the members of all Greek organizations must attend this retreat. Speakers at this year's retreat spoke on membership selection, black Greeks on a white campus, and Greek stereotypes.

NPHC holds a sorority and fraternity informational each year, which allows non-Greeks to learn about the system.

"It was one place for those who were interested to learn about all the black Greek organizations at one time," said Thomas Figures, NPHC Vice-president.

NPHC Week is the organization's biggest event. This year they changed the name of the week from Black Greek Week to NPHC Week.

"We felt the old name segregated us from other groups as far as involvement and support," Figures said.

A new event during NPHC week was the cook-off. Each organization made a specific dish and they were judged based on certain criteria. The overall winner this year was Omega Psi Phi. They also instituted a unity community service project called "Be Out Day."

During the week, NPHC sponsored a DJ on the plaza during the lunch hour and did a series of programs focusing on health.

They ended the week with the annual step show. The show is usually the first step show of the year. It was planned around a home football game this year and included Greek unity tailgating.

# ALL THE WAY WITH RHA

By Fred Clarke

The Residence Hall Association works each year to pull resident students together by providing fun activities. It also acts as a liason through which residents can voice their concerns.

"Basically, we make things happen," said Lori Vaughn, RHA representative for the new women's hall.

One activity provided this year by the RHA special events committee was the second annual Fall Fest. Fall Fest gave residents on campus a place to go, play games, eat, and have fun.

"It was so successful last year that RHA decided to make it an annual event," Vaughn said.

RHA also hosted their first winter formal dance this year. The dance was called "Night of Enchantment". The event provided free admission, free food, and pictures for the resident students.

Activities aren't all the RHA provides for residents.

"We try to make living as comfortable as possible," said Erika Pernell, director of RHA.

Pernell said that for a change to actually take place, a proposition must go through a long legislative process.

First, RHA polls the resident students for any changes or suggestions they may have. Next, a resident or RHA representative must make a proposal to RHA. RHA then votes on the proposal and, if the it passes, sends it to Lorinda Crhut, the director of residence life. If the proposal makes it past Crhut, it then goes to Dr. Joe Paul, vice president of student affairs.

This year, some of the changes taken into consideration have been the naming of the new residence hall, extending visitation hours to 2 a.m., extending laundry hours in the new residence hall, and re-evaluating the ever-present parking problem on campus.



Beth Elbert (Advisor), Brad Irvin (Ad of Communication), Amelia carter (Ad for Finance), Natesha Smith (Ad for Administration), Erika Pernell (Director), Christopher Giroir (Advisor), Monica Randle, Rashida wilson, Willie Beeks, Tracy Holmes, Jessica Richardson, Dana Lowe, Larenzo Thompson, RicEsha Clark, Kimberly Robinson, Marquita Jones, Jennifer Sutherland, Kerri Jones, Aisha Bishop, Alfreda Hoskins, Tacinta Spight Kimberly Lott, Cornelius Wilbert, Lori Vaughn, Krystala Foster, Roderick Taylor, Chad King, Chris Moore James Davis, Ebony Clay, Tommy Winston, and Marion Jones.





Every year the Resident Hall Association sponsors Fall Fest to welcome back old students and make new students feel at home here at USM. Through out this day of fun in the sun, students participate in events that are fun and also gets the heart pumping and the blood flowing. In the first event ,students battle each other not with words or weapons, but with their bodies! Students get into sumo suits and battle it out until only one or no man is left standing (top left). Another activity that challenges flexibility was twister. Students made their way, color by color, trying to see if they would be victorious (middle left). And just when you thought that was it, The Wall got you next. This activity tested the strength of anyone who dared to climb it (bottom left). Fall Fest is one event that everyone enjoys.



# CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION



*Jason Jimenez, Dr. Adam McKee, David Lofton, Dr. Steve Mallory, Dr. Alan Thompson, Debra Miller, Josh, Fuller, Isaac Condiff, Lindin Ellzey, Tiffany Strokes, Daniel Gay, Tobie Nguyen, Amanda Peterson, Gayden Savell, Jessica Pearce, Daisy Watson, Katie McRae, Jessica Lambert, Melissa DeBerry, Maya Edwards, Laura Smith, Andrea Strickland, and Angela Fulcher.*

By Amanda Gilbert

The Criminal Justice Student Organization is a liberal arts organization comprised of criminal justice majors. Its objective is to promote fellowship, education and service to the campus and surrounding areas. The members promote education within the criminal justice fields of law enforcement, corrections and juvenile law. The organization helps plan the yearly Department of Criminal Justice Banquet, which is attended by criminal justice professionals from many areas. Dr. R. Alan Thompson is the advisor.



*(1st row) Jason Jimenez, Katie McRae, Daisy Watson, Lindin Ellzey, (2nd row) Dr. Azan Thompson, Dr. Adam McKee, and Dr. Steve Mallory.*



# BETA BETA BETA BIOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

*Left to right (1st row) Amanda McCarter, Lori Butler, Kelly Brown, Nicole Martin, Amanda Wilberding, Brain Robinson (President), Milica Milunovic, Andrea Neu, (2nd row) Lorin Singletary, Michael Dodge, Matthew Carter, Allison Downing, Ryan Case, Christina Watters, Wendy Brewer, Shelly Boudreaux, Erik Lenoir, Elizabeth Francis, Stephanie Brookshire, Kristy Losett (Secretary), Suzanne Mullis, Kevin Howard, Steven Allen, Gordin Lackey, Lauren Bass (Treasurer), Ryan Gray, Crystal Beckham, Rogers Ha (Vice President), and Brittney Hemba. NOT PICTURED Kori Magill (Historian), Dr. Patricia Biesiot (Advisor).*



## ORDER OF OMEGA

*Left to right (1st row) Brandye Lamas (President), Alexandra Hornsby (Secretary), Nicki Case (Graduate Advisor), Derrick Procell (Sergeant at Arms), (2nd row) Tara Marrasco, Suzanne Mullis, Galey Tatam, Gretchen Spring, Malisha Turk, (3rd row) Myrle-Marie Tallmau, Lorin Singletary, and Maria Koskan.*



## STUDENTS LOOKING OUT FOR OTHERS

### SLOO

*(No order) Roderick Gilbert, Adeline Abbenyi, Alanda James, Kenitra Barnes, Doris Adams, Keila, McNeal, Matalie Everett, Tyra Saucier, and John Allen.*



# Student Constructors



*Lee Johnson (Sec/Tres.), James Matthews, Seth Johnson, Sam Whitmire, (2nd row) Scott McArthur, Clay Smith, Michael Nelson, Jeremy Bennett, (3rd row) Timothy Gobble (Vice President), Mark Snowden (President), John Smalley, and Steven Singleton.*



*Officers include Lee Johnson(Sec/Tres.), Timothy Gobble(Vice President), and Mark Snowden(President).*

By Danielle Prejean

This year, USM's chapter of Student Constructors won the Chapter of the Year award at the Association of Builders and Constructors convention held in New Orleans.

They were given the award based on their scholarship, service to the profession and service to the community. USM was in competition with schools such as Texas A&M, Perdue University and the University of Florida.

Student Constructors has also placed second internationally in the Chapter of the Year contests for the past two years.

One of their activities this year that helped them win the award was building the House of Abundance at the Turtle Creek Mall. It was a wooden house filled with food to be donated to local food pantries.

Student Constructors also sponsored a Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest at USM. The winning bridge this year held over 500 pounds. The contest was publicized in local newspapers and on local television stations.

They held a Program Golf Tournament to raise money for the Construction Engineering Technology degree program at USM. The attendance for the tournament consists of 80-90 contractors and USM alumni competing for prizes, including a trophy and \$200 in gift certificates.

One of Student Constructors' projects at USM was building the playground equipment at Pinehaven Apartments. They are also in the process of designing a gazebo to be built in front of the George Hurst Building.

Student Constructors even works closely with USM Habitat for Humanity in building and designing their houses.

The organization also took several field trips to learn about different aspects of their future careers. Vulcan Material Co. sponsored a trip for Student Constructors members to visit their rock quarry in Birmingham, Ala., and participate in a career fair for selected Alabama contractors. They also visited L&A Construction Co. to learn about bridge construction and Puckett Machinery to learn about heavy equipment.



## PHI SIGMA PI



Left to right (1st row) AmeeFollis (Secretary), Gabe Radua (President), LaTasha McBride (Vice President), Emily Smith (Corresponding Secretary), Shelley Robinson, (2nd row) Tammy Estapa (Public Relations Chair), Amanda Gilbert (Treasurer), Bethany Miller (Historian), Leslee Smith (Rush Adviser), Mike Watson (Initiate Advisor), Erica Lenoir (Service Chair), (3rd row) Melissa Martin, Yolanda Love, Coleen Colson, Leslie Robinson, Techandra Johnson, Nicole Miller, Aneva Martin, Ellen Glenn, (4th row) Mackenzie Chidhester, Timothy Lockhart, Bryan Dockery, Bryant Oatis, Rodney Ross, Stacey Hall. Not pictured are Robert Burton, Patrick McLaughlin, Tanya Stringer, Carrie Frazier, Duan Walker, Stephen Sparks.

## GOLDEN GIRLS



Dorian Wallace (Public Relations Chair), Nikki Smith (President), Katie Chance (VP), Stefani Lott (Treasurer), (2nd row) Monica Randle, Hannah Kerns, Rashida Wilson, Jacki Eakes, Shelley Chappuis, Leslie Tynes, Brooke Mclemore, Deborah Jackson, Heather Ducote, Brainne Jurgens, (3rd row) Marion Jones, Emily Guyton, Christy Hollis, Emily Morrow, Letoya McClay, Katie Boudet, Brandy Mclemore, Jacquelyn Finch, Lakeshi Alexander, Kate Mullis, (4rd row) Lesley Harrison, Brandy Saunders, Alice Wright, Lindsey Buras, Sophie Brignac, Ashley Helmick, and Courtney Hall.

## PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP



Left to right (1st row) J.D. Frizzell, Amy Ruff (Director), christina Watters, Emilie Laiche, (2nd row) Katie Robyn, Mike Laiche, Krissy Meadows.



# Men of Excellence



Left to right (1st row) LeRoy Brown, Labaron Massey, Ollie Bailey, Reginald Woods, Daryl Pollard, Alex Thames, (2nd row) Porter M. Hudson III, Moses Fox III, Absalom Thomas, Thomas Figures, Robert Whitley, Demario M. Green, (3rd row) Carl Cunningham, Rodrick J. Gilbert, Jonathan C. Smith, James McDonald, Dewayne Walker, Jarvis Blackmon, Mike Mitchell.

By Fred Clarke



Officers:  
(1st row) Leroy Brown (historian), Ollie Baile (President), Reginald Woods (Vice-President),  
(2nd Row) LaBaron Massey (Parliamentarian), Alex Thames (Corresponding Secretary), Daryl Pollard (Public Relations), Mike Mitchell (Advisor), Carl Cunningham (Advisor).

In 1996, a group of men at USM started an organization called Men of Excellence. That organization faded out, but Trey Delaine, Brad Irving, Thomas Figures and Nasr Nance brought it back this year and are ready to show what it is worth.

As stated in the constitution, the Men of Excellence is assembled "to provide excellent educational and community services to the African-American community that will enhance personal growth."

The main goal of this group is to "not only succeed in all of [their] endeavors, but to excel."

During the first year of its revival, Men of Excellence has provided a freshman mentor program on campus and provided recreational activities for children in the Hattiesburg community.

"We also meet every Thursday in the University Commons for a luncheon," said President Ollie Bailey.

New members are handpicked each year by the current membership. Consideration is based on leadership.

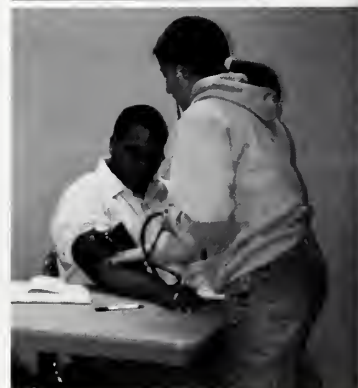
"After we find a lot of potential members, they come to a social and submit an autobiography," Bailey said. Then we choose the 30 members for the following year."

As a fairly new organization on campus, Men of Excellence hopes to promote black male leadership on campus and in the community.



The Men of Excellence gather to begin the selection for new members. Young men such as Toby Barker, Alfred Nelson, and Zack Thomas (Far left top), are among the many young men who fell they deserve a chance to show others they are indeed excellence. LaBaron Massey, Arrelle Delaine, and LeRoy Brown (far left bottom) greet each other as a way of showing brotherhood. After they gather Thomas Figures reads a few words to the waiting young men to inform them of what Men of Excellence stands for and what they look for in selecting new members.

The Men of Excellence sponsored a health clinic to inform young men that their health is important too. Alex Timms (top right) shows that there is nothing to giving a little blood, while John Smith (bottom right) get his blood pressure checked. Services were provided by Dr. Virginia Crawford and staff.





# Gamma Beta Phi



Officers pictured left to right (1st row) Spring-Serenity O'neal (Reporter/State President), LaQuisha Burks (President), (2nd row) Nykela Horne (Recording Secretary), Edward C. "Todd" Hoffman III, (Treasurer), and Jacki Eakes (Historian).



Gamma Beta Phi (1st row) Edward C. Hoffman III, LaQuisha Burks, Nykela Horne, Jacki Eakes, (2nd row) Anna Koch, Amelia Griffith, Crystal Williams, Stacy Butler, Leah Williams, Jacqueline Mitchell, (3rd row) Monica Watley, Melissa Phillips, Scott Baragona, Lori Jones, Courtney Hicks, and Rusty Anderson (Advisor).

By Danielle Prejean

USM's chapter of Gamma Beta Phi, one of the oldest chapters, is an organization for honor students that promotes scholarship, character and community service.

"Our goal is for students to participate in service projects that enhance USM and the surrounding area," said Rusty Anderson, advisor. "The students learn the importance of philanthropic activities."

Students are invited to join Gamma Beta Phi if they rank within the top 20 percent of their class. To remain an active member, students must participate in at least one educational service project per semester.

This year the organization participated in collecting clothing and canned goods for the Salvation Army, volunteering at the Career Resource Center and tutoring children at Pinehaven and the Boys and Girls Club. Gamma Beta Phi is also responsible for cleaning the section of



Members of Gamma Beta Phi stopped to take a picture while attending the state convention at Ole Miss.

Gamma Beta Phi decided to head to the jungle as they made their sign for the convention.



Highway 49 right in front of campus at least four times a year.

During Christmas, the organization collected gifts for the children at the Wesley Children's Hospital. In addition, during the year they participated in the Heart Walk, Freshman Move-In Day and the Humane Society canned food drive.

Last year, Gamma Beta Phi raised more funds than any other organization on campus.

The organization participated in the state meeting this year held in Oxford. At the meeting, Spring O'Neal concluded her term as the state president, and Amanda Puckett concluded her term as state treasurer. Rusty Anderson will take over as the national president in April at the national meeting.

"Gamma Beta Phi is a growing, active first-class organization," said Anderson.

Gamma Beta Phi has built a national reputation and a reputation at USM for all of the community service in which they participate.



## MS IV



Left to right (1st row) CDT XO Amanda Cardella, CDT BN Issac Taylor, CDT CSM LaCedrick Jackson, Mrs. Becky Tew, CDT Shawn Tillman, CDT Charles Bardwell, CRS Cornelius Wilbert, CDT S-3 Albert Hughes, CDT Cpt. Hope C. Sinclair, CDT LT. Erika Pernell, Marie Dodd, LTC Marshall Fite, (3rd row) Stephen Pace, Kerry Ridgley, Alester Rials, Jonathan Lindsey, Danny Hensarling, Jermone Cole, Rahsaan Woods, Heath Harriel, Tobyas Brazzle, Teresa Quinoga.

## MS III



left to right (1st row) MAJ John Vinzane, Timothy Smith, Tawaski Carter, James McNeese, Joseph Black, Dustin Griffin, Sharon Mayfield, Charles Williams, Earl Cooper Jr., (2nd row) Frank Davis, Cory Waters, Daniel Gay, Tighe Scott, Suzanne Smith, Lashanda Betts, Christopher Mark, Melissa Lauderdale, (3rd row) Terrence Griffin, Natesha Smith, Leslie Jarrod, Sonya Autman, Brandon Haskin, Kevin Ramsey, Roderick Smith.

# ARMY ROTC

The University of Southern Mississippi Army Reserve Officers Training Corps was activated on April 3, 1950. The first class of cadets was commissioned as Second Lieutenants in 1952. Since the first commissioning class we have commissioned over 1500 Second Lieutenants for service in the Regular Army, the National Guard and the Army Reserve. The "Golden Eagle Battalion" is proud to serve the United States Army and the University of Southern Mississippi.

## BASIC CO



Left to right (1st row) Lalse Self, James Briscoe, KaRensa Polk, Jack Benford, Daniel Cook, Peck, BCC Hope Sinclair, (2nd row) SFC Ernest Moore, William Oyle, Stephen Hanks, Michael Norton, Gleen Hanchey, Major Robert Sybert, (3rd row) Jolnathan Kilcullen, Nicholas Shattles, Justin King, Dustin King, Joseph Willcox, Rahsaan Woods.

## RANGER CHALLENGE



The Ranger Challenge Team is a part of ROTC that competes with other ROTC units in varsity sports. The team competes in such events as physical fitness, weapons firing, rope bridge, grenade assault course and a 10K-road march. Pictured are (left to right) CDT Rails Alester, CRS Cornelius D. Wilbert, CDT Albert Hughes, CDT Jarrod Leslie, (2nd row) SFC Earl Copper Jr., CDT Rahsaan Woods, BN CDT Isaac Taylor, CDT CSM LaCedrick Jackson, SGT Karlos Adams, CDT Charles Williams. Not pictured are CDT Gerald Peck, CDT Darell Coffey, CDT Antonio Coffey.

## SCABBARD AND BLADE



Scabbard and Blade is a National Military Honor Society Focused on academics, civic service and the development of cadets into military officers. Pictured left to right are (1st row) Major William L. Hennen (Advisor), Shawn Tillman (1st LT), Amanda Cardella (Captain), Suzanne Smith (2nd LT), Heath Harriel (1st SGT), (2nd row) Dustin Griffin, Charles Bardwell, Cornelius Wilbert, Erika Pernell, Natesha Smith, Albert Hughes, Christopher Mark, Melissa Lauderdale, Nacosha Caviness, (3rd row) Tobyas Brazzle, Daniel Gay, Frank Davis, Issac Taylor, Cory Waters, Joseph Black, Lalse Self, Charles Williams.



# AFRO-AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

By Danielle Prejean

African-American Student Organization is a group of students whose purpose is to let the faculty, staff, and students know about the African-American heritage. The organization is divided into five committees, which work together to reach their goals. The committees consist of community service, gospel choir, dance team, cultural awareness, and activities.

Each year, in their annual Kennard-Washington program, AASO honors two men who took a stand for African-American rights. Clyde Kennard was the first African-American to try to enroll in USM, and Dr. Walter Washington was the first African-American to receive a doctorate degree from USM.

AASO also honors Dr. Martin Luther King and his wife each year on Dr. King's birthday. On the day of the event, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority pay a tribute to Dr. King and his wife. Also, the AASO gospel choir sings, and the AASO dance team performs.

A new activity for AASO this year is the date auction. The theme of the auction is Urban Sheik, and the participants wear urban clothing. The audience bids for a date with an AASO member for an evening at the movies or a restaurant. "We hope to get up to \$50 for each person," said Zach Thomas, AASO president.

AASO also sponsors the Miss Ebony pageant, which is more of a scholarship competition than a beauty pageant. The winner receives a \$500 scholarship.

AASO often works together with other organizations. They co-sponsor Diversity Week with SPEED and help UAC promote African-American culture. Thomas is excited about the group of officers they have this year. "I have an excellent group of officers," Thomas said. "They're hard-working, motivated, energetic, and dedicated."

The long-term plan of AASO is to keep striving toward the fulfillment of their goals.

Thomas remarked, "We want to keep educating the community about our heritage."



(1st row) Rasheda Wilson, Tanisha Thompson, Absalom Thomas, Felisha Diamond, Skyla Jones, Roderick Gilbert, (2nd row) Monica Watley, Shamika Bennett, Amelia Griffith, Nakeshur Allen, Akim Ceaser, Nikki Hopkins, Willie Beeks, Xorica Adams, (3rd row) Lakeshia Alexander, Marion Jones, Olita Rushing, Danielle Durr, Kalena Stovall, Lateama Quinn, Danise Miller, Sharetha Edwards, Ashley Windham, Letoya McClay, (4th row) Barbara Bolton, Barry Williams, Robert Whitley, Derrick Marrick, Nelson Wilson, and Tarrinasha Brown.



AASO Officers include Absalom Thomas (President), Roderick Gilbert (Election Commissioner), Tanisha Thompson (Vice President), Felisha Diamond (Secretary), Skyla Jones (Treasurer), and Xorica Adams.



The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta enjoy a game of twister at the AASO Block Party.



AASO Cabinet Members include Rasheda Wilson, Tanisha Thompson, Absalom Thomas, Felisha Diamond, Skyla Jones, Roderick Gilbert, (2nd row) Nakeshur Allen, Kalena Stovall, Akim Ceaser, Nikki Hopkins, Willie Beeks, Barry Williams, and Xorica Adams.



This young man makes a relaxing game of volleyball at the AASO Block Party event look stressfull!!



# Southern Style



*Top left:  
(left to right) Meredith Botts, Gretchen Spring, Ke'Andra Armstrong, Shea Kidd, Aimee Morgan, Mylre-Marie Tallman, Susan Moak, Mendy Myers, Emily Berner, Mary Baggett, Susan Weldon, Brandye Lamas, Christina Berry, Devon Wesley, Deanna Grant, Derrick Procell, Eric Van Hoven, Jason Priest, Derrick Bond, Bake Hamm, Amonde Younger, and LaBaron Massey.*

*Middle:  
(left to right) Meredith Botts, Gretchen Spring, Ke'Andra Armstrong, Shea Kidd, Aimee Morgan, Mylre-Marie Tallman, Susan Moak, Mendy Myers, Emily Berner, Mary Baggett, Susan Weldon, Brandye Lamas, Christina Berry, Devon Wesley, Deanna Grant, Derrick Procell, Eric Van Hoven, Jason Priest, Derrick Bond, Bake Hamm, Amonde Younger, and LaBaron Massey.*



Story Provided By: Southern Style

Southern Style is a highly selective group of student leaders that serve as the official host and hostess group for The University of Southern Mississippi. Twenty-five students are chosen each year through a three-phase selection process. One of the main responsibilities of Southern Style is to serve as orientation leaders during the summer. Southern Style has the opportunity to meet all new students and their parents through six orientation sessions. Other Southern Style responsibilities include working Legislative Weekend, Premiere Weekend, and all commencement ceremonies. Additionally, they attend recruitment functions and are support staff for the Presidential and Leadership Scholarship competitions.



*This photo was taken at the Southern Style retreat.*

*(left to right) Derrick Procell, Amonde Younger, Devon Wesley, Maryellen Fox, Gretchen Spring, Mary Brande Lamas, Meredith Botts, Susan Weldon, Mylre-Marie Tallman, Aimee Morgan, Tekla Green, LaBaron Massey, Derrick Bond, Shea Kidd, KeAndra Armstrong, Christina Berry, Deanna Grant, Blake Hamm, Susan Moak, Mendy Myers, Emily Berner, Jason Priest, and Eric Van Hoven.*



# Beta Alpha Psi



By Danielle Prejean

Beta Alpha Psi is an accounting fraternity that provides its members with the opportunity to gain professional knowledge and to develop a sense of ethical, social and public responsibility.

In order to be a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the student must have at least a 3.0 GPA and have completed certain courses in accounting.

They have weekly workshops to educate students on the issues that arise in real-world accounting. These workshops help students develop the skills to get good jobs upon graduation.

Some of the workshops include "Private versus Public: Careers in Accounting," "The Corporate Environment" and "The New CPA Exam." At one of their workshops this spring, Dr. Marvin Albin gave a time line of the Enron case and analyzed the possible implications for the accounting profession.

Beta Alpha Psi also does two community service projects a semester. This fall, they helped serve meals to homeless people at Christian Services, Inc. and tutored elementary and junior high students at the Boy's and Girl's Clubs.

In the spring, they helped the internal auditing department do surprise petty cash counts. These surprise counts taught the students about accounting while saving the university valuable time and money. Beta Alpha Psi also sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance where they prepared income tax returns free for USM students.

While pledging, students must attend at least 13 hours of Beta Alpha Psi activities in that semester. Once they have become members, they have to complete nine hours a semester to receive an honor cord upon graduation.

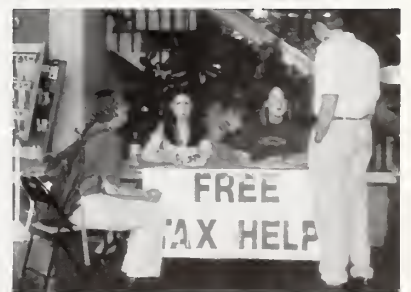


(Top picture left to right) Patty Munn, Randall Buckhaults, Michael Novon, Brant Pettis, Leslee Smith, Niki Rees, Gretchen Spring, Jessica Adams, Amy Butts, Karla Duckworth, Jessica Blakeney, Leah Williams, JoBeth Lannon, Bryan Sherman, Phuong Banh, Renee Devine, Kina Johnson, Trina Cochran-Rankin, Michelle Thompson, Donald Wilson, Jason Cargill, Belinda McCain, Mildrey Egues, Ginger Todd, Eric Barber, Christy Wilson, Kristi Fairchilds, and

(Middle picture left to right) Gretchen Spring (Vice-President Pledges), Leslee Smith (President), Niki Rees (Vice-President Professionals), Jessica Adams (Reporting Secretary), Patty Munn (Faculty Advisor), Brant Pettis (V.P. of Social Activities), Michael Novon (Recording Secretary), and Randall Buckhaults (Treasurer).

Bottom left picture  
This brave young lady takes it to the extreme walking on a log that's high enough to fly with the birds.

Bottom right picture  
This shows Beta Alpha Psi helping students prepare their 2001-2002 taxes.





# LAMBDA SIGMA



*(1st row) Chris Moore (President), Alexis Koskan (Vice-President), Ayla Williams (Treasurer), Justice O'Keefe (Secretary), (2nd row) Bridgett Allen, Nichol Armstrong, Kerri Jones, Molly Malone, Sarah Tartt, Sarah Guerin, Lori Vaughn, (3rd row) Crystal Jones, Laure Mayfield, Eric Arrant, Chuck Cote, Elizabeth Layton, Jamie Hasty, (4th row) Joshua Dove, Chad Cornett, Matt Pennington, Toby Barker, Logan Brenner, Reginald Woods, and Brad Irvin.*

By Fred Clarke

As an active community service honors society, LS chooses their own community service activities. This year they focused on the elderly and the dogs in the Hattiesburg community.

The first outside service project was a trip to the Alzheimer Center. On the visit, LS members sang Christmas carols and some craft projects.

"Our big interest was giving back to the senior adults," said Chris Moore, President of LS.

On the second visit to the Alzheimer Center, for Easter, LS members made window hangers shaped like Easter eggs and sang Easter songs. Afterward, they visited with the residents.

"It was a lot of fun and very rewarding," said Alexis Koskan, Vice president of LS. "It was also sad to visit with some of the Alzheimer patients, but just being there and visiting made me feel like I was making a difference."

The second off campus project was food drive for a local canine foster home. LS bought and collected food to deliver to a home where dispossessed dogs are harbored.

Every year LS does a care package program for the new freshmen on campus. Letters are sent out to parents of freshmen asking if they would like to buy a care package for their child. The care packages include fruit, cookies, crackers, and other foods that the freshmen students get before finals on the first semester.

"This service project is meant to make freshmen feel more welcome at the university," said Liz Layton, community service chair for LS. "It also helps the parent feel less apprehensive about their child being away from home."

"Lambda Sigma's goal for its members is to create a community and fellowship among the sophomore students who were involved on campus who excelled in academics their freshman year," Moore said.





*The Aubrey Lucas Administration exhibits its pomp and galor during the Christmas season.*

# *Inter-fraternity Council*



*Todd Palmer  
Jeremy Knight  
Eric Van Hoven  
Josh Schutts  
Adam Todd  
Madisan Burris  
Kevin Prince  
Nick Karl  
Brent Greenwald  
Jonah Keller  
Nathan Tayler  
Andrew Dollar  
Chuck Cote  
Brad Garrett  
Jason Sksmetti  
Charles Lowery*





*Chuck Cote (Vice President of Scholarships), Madison Burris (President), Robert Muzquiz Jr. (Vice President of Risk Management), Nathan Taylor (Vice President of Public Relations), Wynde Fitts (Director of Greek Life), Chad Cornett, Jeremy Walz, Hugh Pace, and Brent Greenwald.*



*E.J. Hamrick Robert Muzquiz Jr.  
Jesse New  
Rhett Lankford  
Wynde Fitts  
Evans Tegford  
Jared Loftus  
Hugh Pace  
Daniel Blankenship  
Sean Bellman  
Chad Cornett  
Eric J. Cox  
Brad Cates  
Jeremy Walz  
Dick O'Hara.*

*Eric Van Hoven (V.P. of Scholarships), Jeremy Knight (V.P. of Philanthropy), Madison Burris (V.P. of Administrative Affairs), Nick Karl (V.P. of Risk Management), Wynde Fitts (Director of Greek Life), Todd Palmer (Chief Justice), Josh Schutts (V.P. Recruitment & Retention), Adam Todd (President), Kevin Prince (Vice President of Public Relations), and Brent Greenwald (Graduate Assistant).*

# Graduate Student Association



*The Graduate Student Association gathered to take a group picture (top middle). Names not available.*

*Vice President Valerie Hodge leads a discussion on problems facing graduate students at USM (bottom left).*

*Officers pictured are Kip Sharp (Treasurer), Katie Reagan (Director of Public Relations), Rebecca Butler (Activities Coordinator), Chris Ward (President), Christina Butler (Secretary), Natasha Satcher (Sergeant-at-arms), and Valerie Hodge (Vice President). Not Pictured Catly Baxter, and Jeremy Braswell (top right).*

*Pictures at the Graduate Student Association picnic.*







The Graduate Student Association serves as an advocacy group for graduate students at USM. The GSA exists to provide a collective voice for all Graduate students by acting as the official graduate student representative in university affairs. Through these means, the university as a whole will gain a greater appreciation for the importance of graduate education and increasingly incorporate graduate students in decision-making processes.

This has been a great year for the GSA. From computer labs to parking policy to helping select the new university president, the GSA has been an integral part of many important university decisions. Beyond university policy, the GSA has provided some much needed relief to the hectic schedules of graduate students through social activities.

With the newly re-formed Graduate Senate, the GSA is striving to provide an open forum for all graduate students throughout all campuses of USM to express their opinions and concerns. The GSA is a great way for any graduate student to get involved at USM and make it a better place for all students.





# Golden Key National Honor Society



By: Fred Clarke

Golden Key International Honor Society focuses on "leadership, scholarship, and service."

As an international honor society, Golden Key offers many opportunities for its members to receive scholarships. These scholarships are valued anywhere from \$500 to \$10,000.

"Our members put in community service throughout the year," said president (fall semester) Lindsay Green.

One of the services is recognizing faculty, staff, and community members at the University of Southern Mississippi who have gone out their way to help students or the organization. Students in the organization nominate a faculty, staff, or community member who has made an



impact on them. The organization then votes on the nominees for five or less inductees. This year the inductees were Dr. Don Cotton, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Melissa Carpenter, and Frederick Varnado.

Golden Key had a booth at the UAC Halloween Carnival. They did a fishing booth and ghosts for the kids. They collected stuffed animals in October and sent them to children in the hospitals. Along those same lines, Golden Key is donating books that they have collected to an inner-city school for grades K-8.

There are a lot of major companies and corporations that sponsor Golden Key International, so members may have a heads up on other students when it comes to certain jobs. "Companies like Ford, Gateway, Lehmann Brothers, and NBNA who sponsor us also provide scholarships and internships for our members," said Adeline Abbenyi, president (spring semester).

(Top left) Mary Gregg (Advisor), Rebecca Timmins Southern Regional Director), Angela Patterson (PR), Jessica Taylor (Recording Secretary), Adeline Abbenyi (Vice President), Lindsey Green (President), Nikki Rees (Treasure), Brian Roberson (Webmaster), Patricia Ekwe (Historian), and Brandon Barnette (Corresponding Secretary).

(Bottom left) Mary Gregg, advisor of Golden Key for 12 years, speak at the meeting.

(Bottom right) Golden Key members make Ghosts and goody bags for the Halloween Carnival.





# SPEECH COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION



## SPEED



## PARALEGAL SOCIETY



### SCA

(1st row) Robert Sanders, Jenny Craford, Katie Jack, Lisa Mitchell, (2nd row) D.J. Preiss, Brandye Lamas, Maria Koskan, Emiley Baker, (3rd row) Shane Cole, Jennifer Petticrew, Dr. Richard Conville (Sponsor), (4th row) Elizabeth Layton, Roamie Williams, and Alexis Koskan

### Speed

(1st row) Marshiana Pittman (Historian), Jamal Jones (President), Marlo Mathews (Vice President), Takeysa Green (Secretary), (2nd row) Derrick Hartfield, Kimberly Matthews, Sonja Thompson, Le Mahn Turner, Danderia Walker, Ronica Powell, and Prince Winston.

### Paralegal Society

(1st row) Kim Pierce (President), Olivia Hodge (Secretary), Shanteau Walker (Treasurer), (2nd row) Tanesha Fortenberry, Crystal Johnson, Centralia Bridges, and Julie Reeves.

### CGCF

(1st row) Jayson Dillon (Vice President), Katrina Smith (Secretary/Treasurer), Kimberly Matthews, John Lewis Jr., Lori Jones, Lakisha Briggs, Sharhea Brown, Otis Whigham, LaPetra Howard, Akesha Navarre, and Melissa Carpenter (Advisor).

## CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP



# Student Speech and Hearing Association

By: Danielle Prejean

The Student Speech and Hearing Association (SSHA) is very involved with the children of DuBard School for Language Disorders and the Children's Center for Communication and Development.

Members volunteer to help the teachers with lunch and playground duty and anything else that is needed. Both the DuBard School and the Children's Center are part of USM. SSHA's dues help pay for their main events of the year, which are hosting a Halloween Carnival and an Easter egg hunt for the children.

"The Halloween Carnival provided a good opportunity for the children and the members of Student Speech and Hearing to interact with each other," said Lori Meadows, Speech Pathology major.

USM's chapter of SSHA is an affiliate of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Also, SSHA attends the statewide convention of the Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association and visits several nursing homes throughout the year.

The general purpose of SSHA is to promote the highest quality of professionalism in the fields of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Deaf Education. They also provide service and assistance to children and adults with communication disorders.





# The Legacy



*(Left to right) Meredith Botts, Kelly Logan, Ashley Tullos, Leslie McInnis, Chris Moore (Director), Kate McArthur (Graduate Assistant), Erin Powell, Malisha Turk, Toy Pade, Nikki Smith, Erin Williams, (2nd row) Katie Jack, Holly Haynes, Tiffany Thomas, Johnathan Wallace, Evans Tedford, Jason Jimenez, Mick Bullock, Hugh Pace, Marquette Guerin, and Bridgette Allen.*



*The Legacy met this semester to discuss to Toys for Tots Drive (middle left). Joy Poole, Erin Williams, Marquette Guerin, and Tiffany Thomas briefly discuss their ideas at the meeting.*



By: Danielle Prejean

The Legacy, previously known as the Southern Miss Alumni Association, changed its name this year in order to change its image. " 'The Legacy' better defined the organization because we aren't alumni yet," said USM sophomore Bridgett Allen. "We are the legacy of Southern Miss."

"I don't think a lot of people understood Student Alumni because you're not an alumni until you graduate," said USM sophomore Valerie Yelverton.

The change actually started about two years ago under the leadership of Will Hansen. The Legacy Board was established, and the Legacy series was initiated. The goal was to brand a new image for the Student Alumni Association. "We're here to build pride in the university," said Chris Moore, faculty advisor of the Legacy. "A better connection with the university means better alumni."

Another goal of the Legacy is to assist other campus organizations. They try to change their events in order to work with students who are involved in other organizations.

Some of the events that the Legacy participated in this year were a Toys for Tots drive, a three part series concerning Career Planning and Placement with Rusty Anderson, helping with the Alumni Golf Tournament, and assisting with the painting of the Eagle Walk during Premiere.

Even though a new image came with a new name, the organization remains the same. "We still have the same functions and support Southern Miss like we always did," said Bridget Allen. "We just have a different name."

# Making a *DIFFERENCE*







In October the USM Chapter of Habitat for Humanity began work on the the first house ever to be sponsored by the group (bottom right). On December 8, 2001, the house was complete (opposite page), and ready for the Rogers' family (bottom left) to move in. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers were accompanied by Mr. Jim Robertson (top left) head of the Hattiesburg Chapter and his wife, in the unvailing of their new home. They all joined in a group picture along with the members of Habitat to cammemorate the occasion (top right).



# Habitat for HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity

By: Danielle Prejean

USM's chapter of Habitat for Humanity built the first student-sponsored house this year in exactly three months.

Patty and Frank Rogers and their two daughters moved into their new house on December 8th. Habitat for Humanity was excited to have the house finished before Christmas.

"It feels very good to look back and know that you did something important," said Sarah Middleton, president of USM Habitat for Humanity. "I'm very proud of it."

The Hattiesburg affiliate of Habitat for Humanity chose the Rogers to live in the house. House assignments are based on income and the family's willingness to help build the house. Each family selected has to put in so many "sweat equity hours."

"We build the house with them, not for them," Middleton said.

The families also have to pay rent on the house, but they are not charged interest. This is based on the biblical principle that loaning money to someone in need is a charitable act and the loaner should not profit from it.

Habitat International awarded USM's chapter a grant based on their community service and education to the university. Out of a possible \$25,000, they were given \$15,000.

The total cost for building the house was \$42,000 and USM's Habitat had to raise two-thirds of the sum by December 31.

Habitat raised the money by collaborating with the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity. ATO adopted Habitat for Humanity

as their philanthropy and donated the proceeds from their Halloween haunted house and crawfish boil to the organization.

Habitat for Humanity also has an annual fundraiser to raise money for the houses. They collect everything from old clothing to books from USM students and have a giant stuff sale. This year the stuff sale was held at Parkway United Methodist Church.

Fundraising for the house is not complete. The Hattiesburg affiliate of Habitat loaned USM's chapter the money to build the house and expect to be paid back.

Other student groups on campus helped Habitat build the house. These groups include Phi Mu sorority, the men's rugby team, Philosophy and Religion club, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Students Looking Out for Others, Catholic Student Association, and even students from Jones County Junior College.

Another of Habitat for Humanity's big projects for the year in Collegiate Challenge. Students from all over the nation spend their Spring Break helping build houses with other Habitat chapters. This year Habitat is travelling to Liberty, Missouri. They had several fundraisers this year in order to bring money with them as a donation. They will donate \$600 to the Liberty chapter of Habitat.

They held a bake sale and "Habitaflle" to raise this money. "Habitaflle" was a raffle of gift certificates donated by local businesses. The event was held on Valentine's Day.

A new event for Habitat this year is Habifest, a day similar to Habitat week.



International Habitat designated April 10 as a day to educate the campus on the significance of the organization.

Last year for Habitat week, students spent the day in cardboard boxes with poverty statistics written on them.

In the future, USM's Habitat for Humanity will help the Hattiesburg affiliate with a "women's build," according to Middleton. A women's build is a house constructed entirely by women. This has never been done before in Hattiesburg. "I am definitely planning on helping," said Middleton.

"We build the house with them, not for them"

-Sara Middleton  
Habitat for Humanity President

Another woman that will certainly be helping with the women's build is Shannon Williams Gemeinhardt, former president of USM's Habitat. She has been elected as the new president of the Hattiesburg chapter of Habitat.



Together making a difference, the people of Habitat work side by side to complete the home for the Rogers family.  
Pictures courtesy of Habitat for Humanity

Helping is the primary goal of Habitat for Humanity.

"It makes me feel good to know that I helped make it possible," said Middleton.

# Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

By Danielle Prejean

The purpose of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee is to promote unity among student-athletes and to serve as an advisor to the Athletics Department on issues of concern for student-athletes, such as personal welfare and equal treatment.

The 36 diverse members consist of two athletes from every varsity sport except football. They work together to maintain communication with other student-athletes, encourage academic achievement and perform service to the community.

Each year SAAC members participate in several community service activities. They used their own money to purchase toys for Christian Services, Inc. SAAC and USM coaches also cooked and served food to over 4,000 men, women and children at the Christian Services Soup Kitchen for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Each year they also collect pet food and supplies as well as monetary donations at all softball and baseball games. All donations went to the Humane Society. They also organized a winter clothing drive for the Salva-

tion Army and provided information to parents about getting their children fingerprinted through the National Safe Child Identification Program.

SAAC celebrates National Student-Athlete Day by sponsoring a carnival for the local Boy's and Girl's Clubs and the Aldersgate Mission children. Student-athletes, coaches and administrators participate in games and sports as well as provide food for all of the guests. SAAC instructed young girls in basketball, tennis, golf, track, volleyball, softball, soccer and cheerleading as part of the annual Girl Sports Festival sponsored by the Girl Scouts.

SAAC was honored last year to have Jamie Sims, women's golf team member, represent USM as a member of the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. This year she attended the NCAA Convention and shared her experience with other student-athletes on SAAC.

Hope Sinclair (track) and Danny Fowler (football) are currently serving on the University Athletics Gender Equity Committee. The purpose of this committee is to make sure that men and women are treated equally in all aspects of the athletic department.



*Claire Rea, Oby Amadi (Vice President), Pauline Hogan, Natasha Vincent, Ben Snow, Jeff Cook, Tomeka Shaffer, Kyle Vanderford, Lanny Beach, Joseph Kanode, Justin Emil, and Danny Fowler.*



*The Humanities Council, part of The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, held a Pet Food Drive as a way to help animals. This service provides food to animals who are in shelters.*



*They also held a Toy drive for Christian Services Inc. (left). Pictured are James Prout (Director of Operations of Christian Services), Danny Fowler, Natasha Vincent, Pauline Hazan, and Kelly Tribble.*

*Another event was the Christian Services Inc. Soup Kitchen (right). Pictured are Sabrina Norwood, S'Dori Sims, Sandra Allen, Laura Davis, Kristie Martin, Kenya Peters, Olivia Berry, and Krissy King.*





# P.A.C.E.R.S.



Debra Carr (Advisor), Charles Stevenson (President), Felisha Diamond (Vice President), Gregory Smith (Asst. Secretary), LaQuisha Burks (Secretary), Ben Ransom III (Historian), Robyn Forsman (Advisor), Desiree Evans, Rashida Wilson, Chrystal Haynes, Valeni Jones, Camelia Smith, Taheera Harris, Shawanda Bonner, Ashley Windham, Adrienne Vanderbilt, Natalie Everett, Catina Evans, Clayeda Davis, Dana Chapman, Kenitra Barnes, and Oscar James.

Story provided by: Charles Stevenson, President.

P.A.C.E.R.S stands for Program of Assistance, Counseling, Education and Resources for Students. They're an important element of the University, Counseling Center's outreach sources.

P.A.C.E.R.S are professional student volunteers who are extensively trained to provide outreach services. The goal of the program is to help students live healthier more productive lives through skills, enhancement, education, intervention, and referral services. Programs of various topics are presented to residence halls, classes, organizations, and community groups, on one consultation with students who need someone to talk to, and crisis intervention.

P.A.C.E.R.S mission is to serve as effective, knowledgeable, and compassionate peer counselors and peer educators for university students and community. The foundation of P.A.C.E.R.S is in the student to student relationship which counseling striving toward objectivity, promoting diverse student relationships based on equality, trust, and respect.



Felisha Diamond (Vice President), Gregory Smith (Asst. Secretary), LaQuisha Burks (Secretary), Charles Stevenson (President), and Ben Ransom III.



(Bottom Left) Natalie Everett and Grey Smith speak at the Women Assault, Sexual Responsibility Meeting to inform young people of the dangers of having unprotected sex.

Oscar James tries to steal a light from Dana Chapman at the World Aids Awareness Candlelight Vigil (middle top).



Mr. Prasant (Asst. Advisor) is caught relaxing at the Health Awareness for Men, Testicular Cancer talk (middle bottom).

Also at the Health Awareness talk held in Bond Hall Freshman treat themselves to refreshments while obtaining very helpful information.



# *Diamond Darlings*



*The Diamond Darlings are a big part of Southern Miss Baseball. Diamond Darlings assist the baseball team by picking up bats and balls, they also play a big part in pumping up the team for a victory.*





# *Tau Beta Sigma*



By Fred Clarke

Tau Beta Sigma stood out in service this year.

"The morale of the USM chapter is higher and its members are closer to the administration than we have ever been, which allows us to serve the band more efficiently," said senior Lisa Cilburn, TBS president. "The chapter works more as a team than they ever have since I've been here."

The purpose of TBS is "to operate primarily as a student service and leadership recognition society whose chief aim is to assist the directors in developing the leadership and enthusiasm of that they require of their band." They operate as a community service organization that primarily helps the band but also does service in the local community.

TBS also collected stuffed animals to distribute to hospitals and children shelters. "This is the first year we did this," Cilburn said. "We called it 'Stuffed with Love.'"

For the band, TBS helps the most with the All-South Honor Bands. During marching season, they volunteer to teach music and marching drills to the high school students. During concert season, TBS helps chaperone in the dorms, they serve as a host for the rehearsals, and they sell t-shirts and candy to the participants.

"All-South is the most demanding service we perform for the band," Cilburn said.

TBS also helps the Pride by holding fundraisers. Their biggest fundraiser is the Miss Pride contest, a womanless beauty pageant featuring men from the band. This year was the sixth annual contest, won by sophomore trumpet player Cory Cochran (Patty O. Furniture).





# Air Force ROTC



(1st row) Joy Schaulbhut, Dominic Cardella, Edmond Blanquera, Jennifer McKeithen, Jillian Coyle, Holly Sowell, Amanda Woodall, Barbara Molloy, (2nd row) Brain Hughes, William Krynski, Lesley Odom, William Harden, Dominic Robinson, Courtnee Cruz, Grover Henry, Antoinette Arnault, Steven Huneycutt, (3rd row) Daniel Robertson, Brent Holder, Joshua Rodgers, Johnathan James, Michael Jones, Lester Easley, Steven Krynski, Bryan Wicks, and Scott Shumaker.



Officers pictured are Dominic Cardella, Joy Schaulbhut, Brain Hughes, Amanda Woodall, and Lester Easley.

Story provided by: AFROTC

AFROTC is a program designed to commission young men and women as second lieutenants into the active duty Air Force upon completion of a bachelor's or master's degree and AFROTC requirements. The Air Force ROTC program is designed to prepare you to assume positions of increasing responsibility and importance in the modern Air Force. Academically, cadets must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and pass the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, which is similar to the ACT. Physically, cadets must pass an Air Force provided physical and the Physical Fitness Test consisting of 44 sit-ups, 30 push-ups for males and 9 for females, and a two-mile run in less than 18 minutes for males and 21 minutes for females.

AFROTC is a cadet-centered program where the cadets are given resources, responsibility, and freedom to make things happen.

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Air Force ROTC prepare to take flight.



AFROTC lets you take a peek inside one of the jets as this young man straps in to take flight (left bottom).

Brain Hughes and Dominic Cardella prepare for their T-37 and T-38 flights at Columbus AFB, MS (right bottom).





## BRIDGE

*(1st row) Fayth Davis (Treasurer), Kalena Stovall (President), Caudy Louzo (Public Relations Officer), (2nd row) Robert Whitley (Ambassador), Limmie Sibley III, and Barry Williams (Vice President).*



## Pi Sigma Alpha

*(1st row) Lisa Ross Edison, Brandy Se'Less Ramsey, (2nd row) Lateef Ledbetler, Keith Ball, Gerald MunFord, Adam Sencenbaugh, and Shawn Nanney.*



## Eagle Connection

*(1st row) Kelcie McKinley (Advisor), Justice O'Keefe, Lanra Pay, Lashunda Bradford, Kywarii Lanrence, Ashleigh Williams, Sarah Turti, Ayld Williams, Lori Vaughn, Audre Heath (Advisor), (2nd row) Lanra Mayfield, Marty Hester, Katie Jack, Molly Maloue, Holly Stephan, Lanren Buckalew, Lakeshi Alexander, Jacki Eakes, DJ Preiss, Absalom Thomas, (3rd row) Matt Pennington, Chad Cornett, Matt Grant, Eric Kelly, Larry Orange, Alzaiter Cash, Renada Hickman, Katie Chance, and Jared Loftus.*



# Association of Baptist Students



*Sarah Graham (President), Stefani Lott (Music Coordinator), Becky Windham, Marty Windham (Staff Advisor), and Michael Helton (Vice President). Not pictured are Ashley James, and Charles Shumaker.*

# Phi Theta Kappa



*Nodja Adams, Kristi Fairchild (President), Crystal Smith, April Puckett, Rob Knight, Gina Hull, Lakcia Harris (Co-Advisor), LaKisha Briggs (Vice President), Colleen O'Dwyer, Michael Cota, Lawanda Ealy (Treasurer), Billy Folkes (Advisor), and Tyree Womack.*



# American Chemical Society



*Shelly Gallender, Kristi Budzinshi, Janette Dill, Dr. David Wertz (Advisor), Kyle Price, Ben Mitcham, Brain Zoltowski, Ryan Gray, William Ainsworth.*

# Alpha Epsilon Delta



*Lindsey Buras (Treasurer), Rogers Ha (Vice President), Amber McIlwain (Historian), and Kristen Hoelne (President).*

# Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society



*Front row left to right: Susan Harostowski, Jamie Palmer, Candace Long, Vicky Franks  
Back Row left to right: Jillian Evans, Christy Harrison, Ryan Greco, Valenda Langford, Nivea DePriest.*

# Southern Miss Campus Civitan Club

By Melissa Carpenter

Civitan International is a volunteer service organization organized in 1917. Civitan now has 50,000 men, women, and young people in clubs throughout North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Civitan International has a research center at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Campus Civitan is a program of Civitan International which offers college students the opportunity for personal development and a better understanding of the value of community service. Campus Civitan also provides you with opportunities to widen your horizons through service to others, to enhance your personal development, to broaden your career opportunities, and to make new and lasting friendship, all while having fun.

Southern Miss Campus Civitan Club was approved by the USM Student/Faculty Committee on Student Organization October 9, 2000. The organization was later recognized by Civitan International during the chartering ceremony held at USM Sunday, February 17, 2002 at 3 p.m. at the R.C. Cook University Union Hall of Honors. Mississippi Magnolia District Governor Nancy Welch installed the members and officers for the club. Southern Miss Campus Civitan Club chartered over thirty members. The club was presented with a banner and chartering certificate Number 3609. Fellow Civitan members from around

*The Southern Miss Campus Civitan Club held a Chartering Ceremony Sunday, February 17, 2002 in the R. C. Cook Union Hall of Honors. The Chartering Ceremony is held to welcome in new members. Nancy Welch, of the Magnolia District, spoke at this occasion (bottom right). After the ceremony the group posed for a picture (bottom left).*







*Above is a picture of the Civitan Club banner. It represents everything they stand for. Their motto is, "Builders of good citizenship". Their belief is, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Their pledge is, "To practice the Golden Rule and to build upon it a better and nobler citizenship".*

*The picture to the right shows the members who attended the ceremony.*



the state attended the ceremony. Representatives from the USM President's Office and the Mayor's Office from the City of Hattiesburg welcomed fellow Civitans to the campus. WDAM -TV 7 interviewed Christy Eashmond, President and Wayne Chandler, Sergeant-at-Arms. The segment aired at 6 p.m. Sunday night. The Southern Civitan Club was the proud sponsor for the campus club. The advisor and club builder is Melissa Carpenter.

The motto of this organization is "Builders of Good Citizenship. The objective of this organization primarily is the building of good citizenship and to provide fellowship and knowledge to its members and service to its community. Other important objectives are projects designed to teach youth the responsibilities of citizenship; aid to the mentally and physical handicapped; acquire a broader knowledge of public affairs and community needs.

The club members have done a great job with upholding the purpose of the organization by encouraging young people to value and advance good citizenship through service to the community and university. Just to name a few service projects that the club has been involved in are American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Civitan Camp Parade, Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, March of Dimes Walk America 2002, MS Special Olympics Fall and Summer Games, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Salvation Army Angel Tree, and the Student Government Association Miss Southern Pageant.

# Alpha Lambda Delta

*Gathered in front of the Commons, Alpha Lambda Delta takes a photograph that will last a lifetime (top left).*

*Advisor John Burks welcomes a new member of Alpha Lambda Delta by shaking her hand (bottom left).*







By Kelena Stovall

Alpha Lambda Delta is a nationally recognized freshman honor society. Its purpose is to encourage superior academic attainment among students in their first year in institutions of higher education, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society. Alpha Lambda Delta was founded at the University of Illinois in 1924

to honor excellent academic achievement by students in their first year of study in higher education. The constitution states its purpose as follows: "...to encourage superior academic achievement...to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society.

In addition to the initial recognition described, the Society has

numerous programs to encourage continued superior classroom performance. These include awards, such as the Maria Leonard Book Award, which is given to students who maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout their undergraduate career; national workshop; campus activities; and fellowship and loans for undergraduate, graduate, and professional study.

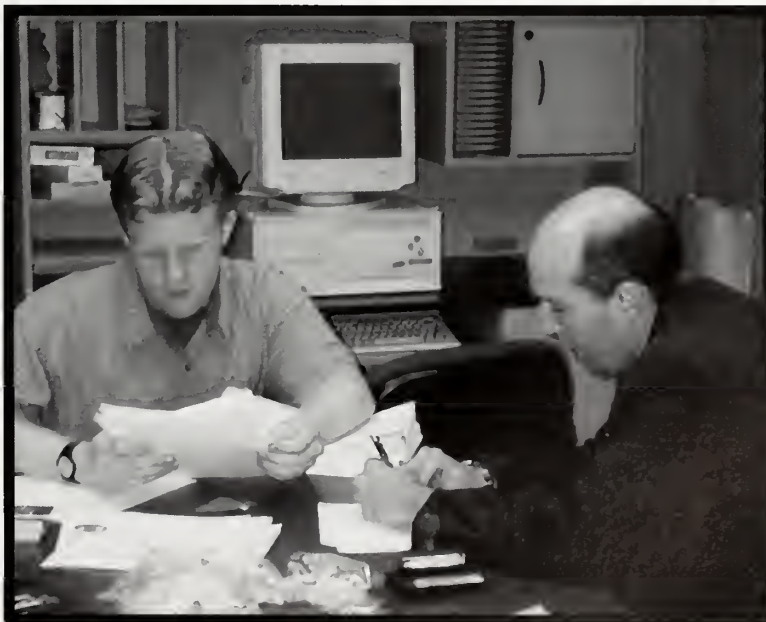
The University of Southern Mississippi chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta celebrated its 45th year anniversary in 2002, and has over 80

members. In addition to striving for nationally established goals of Alpha Lambda Delta, the local chapter encourages community service, and does one major service project per semester.

Freshman who have completed one full semester of classes and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher are eligible for membership in Alpha Lambda Delta. Students become members of Alpha Lambda Delta by invitation only, and membership is lifetime.

*President Kalena Stovall and Treasurer Thomas Simpson, put together packets for new members (left).*

*Thomas Simpson reads names to John Burks to prepare labels (right).*



# OMICRON DELTA KAPPA



By Danielle Prejean

Omicron Delta Kappa is a leadership and service oriented honor society that chooses its members based on their successes in at least one of the five aspects of college life: scholarship, athletics, campus or community involvement, journalism and the arts.

Each year, ODK nomination forms are sent out to leaders on campus such as deans and directors, resident assistants and all the presidents of campus organizations. To be nominated, students must be a junior or senior with a 3.0 GPA.

All students that are nominated are sent an application. After the applications are received, a committee made up of the advisor, president, vice-president and secretary of ODK and three faculty or staff members choose the new members for that year.

Each semester, ODK does a community service project and a leadership

seminar. This fall they participated in UAC's Halloween Carnival and sponsored a workshop on marketing leadership on resumes and graduate school applications, according to Mary Beth Bankston, advisor.

ODK also sponsors the Outstanding Freshman Male/ Female awards. Five freshman males and five freshman females are selected each year because they exemplify the qualities that ODK promotes. The ten outstanding freshmen are chosen by a committee of individuals that are best acquainted with freshman at USM. The committee includes the Union Director, ODK advisor, the coordinator of General Honors, the director of Freshman Year Experience and the director of Greek Life.

After graduating, ODK members can still participate in the organization. Members are asked to join the Alumni club, serve on national ODK committees or give financial support to the local or national organization.

*Mary Beth Bankston (Advisor), Lezlie Moore (Secretary), Brant Ryan (VP), Gretchen Spring (President), (2nd row) Malisha Turk, Tacqweline Mitchell, Brandye Lamas, Myrle-Marie Tallman, (3rd row) Ashley Tullos, Alexander Hornsby, Lakeshia Alexander, and Lauren Pigott.*



*2001-2002 Officers are Brant Ryan (Vice President), Gretchen Spring (President), and Leslie Moore (Secretary).*





*(Top left) Gretchen Spring, ODK President, smiles for the camera with a young trick or treater during the Halloween Carnival.*

*(Bottom left) Trick or treaters after having a great time in their spooky Halloween costumes pose for the camera.*



## OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN MEN



*Pictured from left to right are the Most Outstanding Males. JD Frizzell (Most Outstanding), Prince Winston, Aaron Watkins, and Jeff Jernigan.*

## OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN WOMEN



*Pictured left to right are the Most Outstanding Females. Sarah Spigener, Angela Dobbe, Olivia Berry (Most Outstanding), Marjorie Heltzel, Alicia Lane, and Marilyn Leddy.*



Photo by Elizabeth Slade



# Volunteer

## *Giving back to the Community*

By Kathryn Hadlow

Southern volunteers stay busy throughout the year with various projects that help the community. Volunteers donate their time by helping with such things as after school tutoring programs, helping the elderly in their homes and keeping paperwork for nonprofit organizations.

As a result of September 11, many students were inspired to help in any way they could. One student in particular was inspired to volunteer her time at the American Red Cross. Nicole Blackwell, a junior finance major from Long Beach, said

volunteer work has been a way she can give back to the community. "I was watching the news around the time of the September 11 tragedy," Blackwell recalls. "I saw many commercials for the American Red Cross, so I called to see if I could help. Then I went to talk to someone at the local Red Cross in Hattiesburg to see what they needed me to do."

One of the events Blackwell helped with was a basketball game benefitting the New York City American Red Cross Chapter. The money raised that night helped with the relief effort going on at Ground Zero.

Blackwell also participated in a gift drive for families whose homes burned down. The Hattiesburg chapter sponsored 90

families. The volunteers and staff wrapped the presents donated by the community. "The presents filled up an entire room," Blackwell said. "It was pretty neat."

Blackwell said the best part of volunteering was working with people that really cared about their community. "I enjoy working with the people. It's actually a lot of fun. I really feel like I'm helping the community."

Two graduates of Southern Miss who work in The Office of Community Service and Learning (OCSL), LaToya Hart of Jackson and

Bethany Whittington of McComb use their experience in volunteering to help the community through the AmeriCorps VISTA program.

The AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) is a year long commitment in which one does four community wide projects per year as well as other personal projects. These volunteers are given a small living allowance based on the poverty level of the community they are in and are not allowed to

have outside jobs.

When asked what she gained from volunteering, Whittington responded, "It's wonderful getting to work with people, especially children. They have so much love to give."

Another program students can get involved with on campus is the Mississippi Reads Program. This program matches college students who want to volunteer with elementary students for tutoring to increase the reading ability and enthusiasm. This program especially has significant impact to the children of the state since Mississippi has one of the lowest literacy rates in the country.

Roxane Johnson, a junior photojournalism major from Jackson works out of the OCSL with the Mississippi Reads program. Johnson's inspiration came from a speaker for the United Way whose workshop she attended. "Ever since then, I was in the thick of it," Johnson said.

Johnson works at local schools helping to enrich the lives of Hattiesburg's children. Through programs such as these she has been able to make a difference in her community.

People like Blackwell, Whittington, Hart and Johnson are just a few of the many student volunteers on campus. These students have had the opportunity help serve the community while serving themselves through the learning experiences volunteer work offers.

Many campus organizations do work throughout the community as service learning projects. The organizations help teach its members the value of contributing to the community.

Although the need for volunteering may not be seen, there are volunteers throughout the world and the South lending a helping hand. Many USM students have answered the call for help and benefit from the experience.

“ I enjoy working with the people. It's actually a lot of fun. I really feel like I'm helping the community. ”

-Nicole Blackwell  
Junior Finance major

# Southern PEOPLE

The diversity of people on the USM campus was more evident than ever after the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

As the campus stood in shock many foreign students feared their safety. The English Language Institute dismissed their students on that Tuesday. Many middle eastern students did not return to campus for about a week if at all.

As the country began to heal, we saw how the USM campus reached out to each other including foreign students.

"There was more awareness about different cultures and different nationalities on campus."

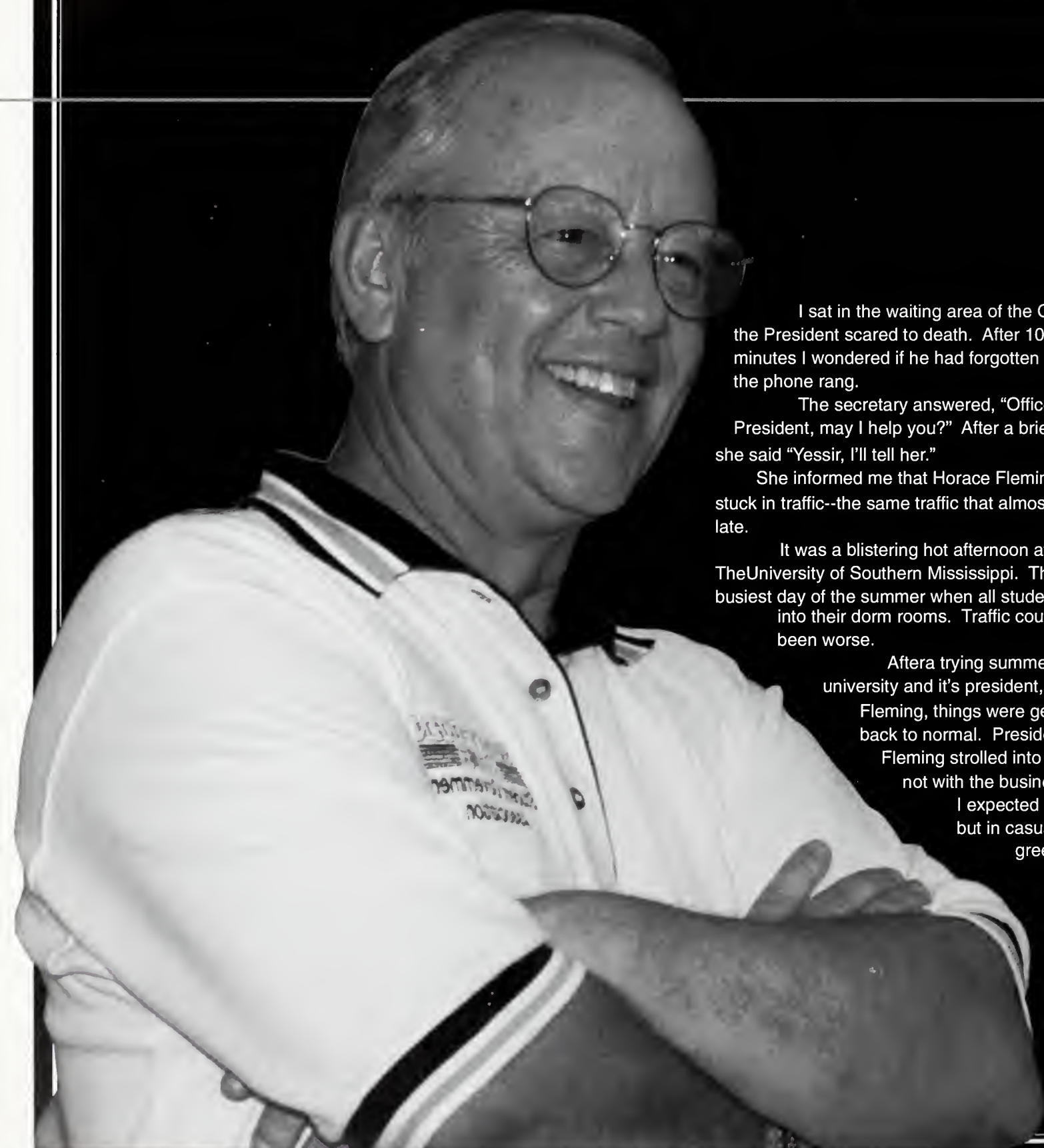
- Vijay Paramisivam  
25, biological sciences

The discrimination that was shown on news stories," said USM student Vijay Paramisivam of India. The campus showed their support and embraced the diversity on campus as what it really is -- unique.









I sat in the waiting area of the Office of the President scared to death. After 10,15 minutes I wondered if he had forgotten me. Then the phone rang.

The secretary answered, "Office of the President, may I help you?" After a brief pause she said "Yessir, I'll tell her."

She informed me that Horace Fleming was stuck in traffic--the same traffic that almost made me late.

It was a blistering hot afternoon at TheUniversity of Southern Mississippi. This was the busiest day of the summer when all students moved into their dorm rooms. Traffic could not have been worse.

After a trying summer for the university and it's president, Horace Fleming, things were getting back to normal. President

Fleming strolled into his office not with the business clothes

I expected him to wear but in casual attire. He

greeted his secretary then turned to me and introduced himself



# man of controversy LEGACY IN THE MAKING

by Heather Anderson

The friendliness this man radiated just from his greeting put my nervousness instantly at ease.

He was a casual man. A man who wanted to ask how your mama was not because he had to but because he genuinely cared.

President Fleming ushered me into his office and sat on a sofa opposite two chairs. As I sat down in a big, plush chair opposite him, I realized this was not as intimidating as I had feared.

Fleming, who started out as a music major aspiring to arrange music and do Broadway plays, decided that he would put these plans on hold and pursue his second love, government and political science.

After graduating with a bachelor of arts in political science and receiving his masters of arts in political science from the University of Georgia, he went on to receive his doctorate at Vanderbilt in 1973.

Fleming served on the faculty at Clemson University

from 1971-1987 then went on to achieve prominence as the founding director of the Strom Thurmond Institute of government and Public Affairs at Clemson. Fleming also served as a member of the President's National Volunteer Advisory Council, Executive Vice President at the University of the Pacific and Executive Vice President and Provost at Mercer University.

Fleming resigned from Mercer in 1996 after he received the offer of following Aubrey Lucas as the next USM president. Fleming was inaugurated as USM's seventh president on April 16, 1998.

For four and a half years, Fleming pushed USM to the top, then in the summer of 2001, rumors started to fly.

Fleming would probably not be back next semester.

The Institute for Higher Learning began to question Flemings' leadership weeks before his contract came up for renewal. This is when times got rough for the university and it's president.

How could such an outspoken, charismatic leader who had the total support of the USM community be questioned? Because USM only had one representative on the IHL board.

The IHL board, made mostly of MSU and Ole Miss alumni, had the say so about higher learning institutes in the state. This left Southern Miss without much pull when it came to the final decision about Fleming's contract.

The IHL board decided, after much publicity, they would not renew Fleming's four-year contract but offer him a one-year contract instead. Fleming said no thanks.

Fleming's reaction to a one-year contract was not surprising to the board. He said he was asked what he would say to a one-year contract offer prior to the IHL's decision. His firm answer was no, he would not accept a one-year contract offer because that would put the university in a limbo.

Fleming said the issue of the Gulf Coast campus

becoming a four year university and budget cuts were the main reasons he was not offered a four-year contract.

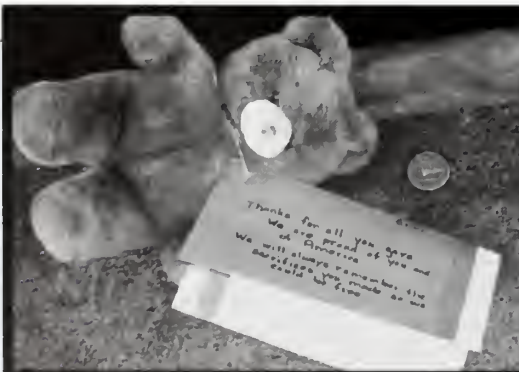
Fleming, however, does not leave USM with hard feelings.

He says he has accomplished many things while serving as USM President, but the most surprising accomplishment was during this time of controversy. "Maybe the greatest thing I've accomplished while being here is to empower the faculty, staff and students to have them understand how important they are in this process of administering the university," said Fleming. "Perhaps it took adversity such as the debate over the extension of my contract to have faculty, staff and students understand that they have real influence."

Even though he did not come from USM, Fleming will always remain a part of the legacy of the university. "The USM community has given me tremendous support," said Fleming. "I will be a golden eagle for life." ♦

# WARPATH

## *The Story of the Unsung Hero*



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By Amanda Gilbert

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall was on display at the University of Southern Mississippi's Pride Field Nov. 1 through Nov. 7, 2001. The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Hub City Memorial Chapter 690 of Hattiesburg, was able to bring the memorial to the campus. It was open for viewing 24 hours a day through its tenure on the campus. The wall included the 58,191 Americans killed in the war. Among that number, 648 were Mississippians.

"The presence of the moving wall at USM offer us a unique learning experience concerning America's longest and most trying conflict," said Dr. Andrew Wiest, a USM associate professor of history who specializes in teaching about the Vietnam War.

The 176-foot moving wall is a half-scale replica of the permanent memorial in Washington, D.C.

"It is fitting that the Vietnam War memorial has become the most visited, most emotional and most meaningful monument in America's history," said Thomas E. Collins, a former prisoner of war from 1965 to 1973.

The monument

gives the students at USM an opportunity to see a part of history that is so recent yet a little distant for the young adults of today.

"I don't know much about the whole war, but when I saw all of those names it finally sunk in that this war happened and my parents had to deal with this horrible experience," commented Casper Stevens, 22-year-old nursing major.

"After what we have dealt with in the past few months regarding the World Trade Center and Pentagon, I can see how one tragedy tore this country apart and how another can pull it together," said Donna Fletcher, 28-year-old biological sciences major.

"All I can say is 58,000. 58,000," said Jim Douglas, 24, undecided.

The Vietnam Moving Wall is a piece of history that affects the young and old. It was only here for a week, but the experience of its presence has left a lasting impression.

"The wall is a part of the healing process, a symbol, as well as a memorial, to honor those who died," said Collins.

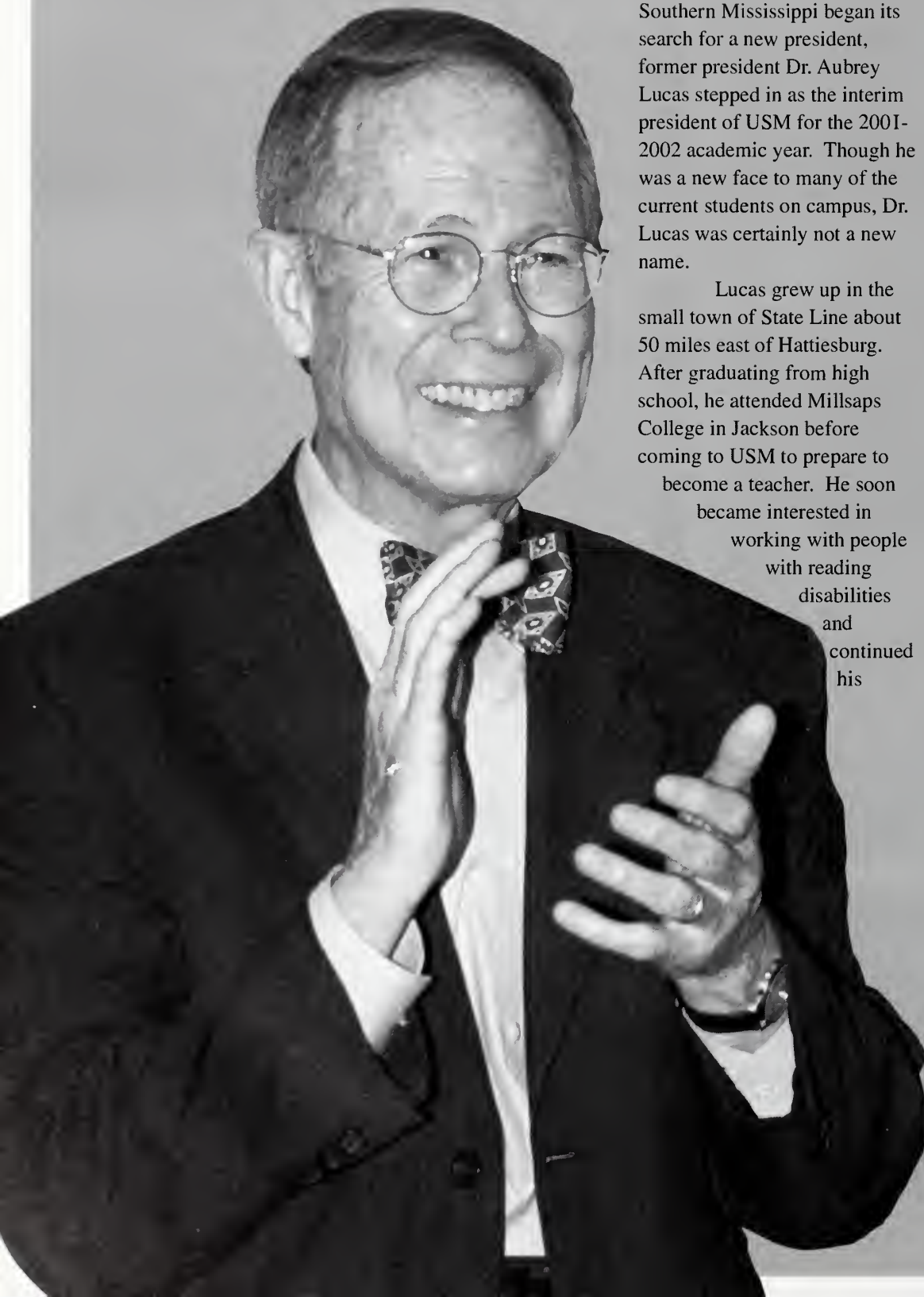
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# The

By Fred Clarke



As the University of Southern Mississippi began its search for a new president, former president Dr. Aubrey Lucas stepped in as the interim president of USM for the 2001-2002 academic year. Though he was a new face to many of the current students on campus, Dr. Lucas was certainly not a new name.

Lucas grew up in the small town of State Line about 50 miles east of Hattiesburg. After graduating from high school, he attended Millsaps College in Jackson before coming to USM to prepare to become a teacher. He soon became interested in working with people with reading disabilities and continued his

education at USM, receiving a masters in psychology of reasoning. One year later, Lucas returned to USM to work in administration, a job which he fell in love with. He then attended Florida State and received his Ph.D. in higher education. Lucas returned to USM in 1975, this time as the president.

"I never looked to be president," Lucas said. "I have liked everything I've done and would have liked doing that for the rest of my life."

"USM and I chose each other when I came here as a student. I met my wife here and this just seems to be where we keep coming back," Lucas said. "When I first came to USM as a student, teaching was my only mission. [As president] you have to choose the institution and it has to choose you. That is why I said we chose each other."

Lucas remained the president of USM from 1975 to 1996 -- 21 years and two months. In such a long span of time, Lucas points to two things which he is most proud of: the university for its transformation to a multipurpose institution and the development of its faculty and staff.

"USM's original purpose was to produce teachers. I would say that the transformation of the school with one purpose to a multipurpose university was one of the greatest accomplishments of the school during my time here as president," Lucas said. "More than the buildings and programs we can point to, I am so proud of the superb faculty and staff that have assembled here."

Though higher education has played a very large role in Lucas' life, he shows through his extra interests that he is a well-rounded individual.

"I like music," Lucas said. "Both making it and attending musical events." Lucas plays the piano and sings, though he says he does not sing as much as he used to.



# Comeback Kid

## Return of the Bowtie

Lucas has 8 grandchildren, all of whom are involved in music and who he enjoys playing piano duets with from time to time.

Lucas also likes to travel. This summer he is taking 3 of his grandchildren to London. Lucas has also traveled to many other countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and North and Latin America. He is currently on a Board of Directors for a college in Zimbabwe where he has meetings twice a year.

Being on boards is another one of Lucas' hobbies. "I'm on a Salvation Army Board, the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art Board, the board of directors for the college in Africa, the Board of...I'm on a lot of boards."

Dr. Lucas also has a tree farm that he manages for his family in his hometown. Above all, Lucas' favorite pastime is with his family. "I really enjoy being with my family," he said.

Lucas has two sons, both of whom are dentists, and two daughters, the oldest who is the President of Millsaps and the younger who is an elementary librarian. Along with 8 grandchildren, Lucas' family totals 18 members.

As the 2001-2002 year comes to an end, Dr. Aubrey Lucas finishes his 22nd year as president at USM. "I felt that I was needed as interim," Lucas said. "I think you do what you should do."

USM has selected as its next president, Dr. Shelby Thames.

"He knows the university and he is dedicated to it," Lucas said. "He is really a very fine man. He has demonstrated that he can build a nationally ranked program (like the Polymer Science Program at USM). He is a very effective leader."

So as Dr. Thames enters the Office of the President, Dr. Aubrey Lucas says goodbye to USM once again. He will have been a president of USM for 22 years and two months and he is still going strong.



Dr. Aubrey  
Lucas



# To

SGA  
President  
Angela  
Patterson





# The Top Succeeding 101

By Chris Deschamp

This year, Angela Patterson, president of SGA, made the cover of Student Leadership Magazine. When asked how she felt about it, she said that she "considered it an honor" and "was very flattered." She had not expected to win because thousands of people from all over the country tried out, but no one from a Mississippi university had ever won before. However, just by speaking to Angela, it is easy to see how she won, and you almost ask yourself why she found it surprising.

The feeling I first got upon walking into Angela Patterson's office was confusion because her office is currently being used as a storeroom. She shares an office with other SGA officers for now. Of course, this gives her more input and insight into what's going on and what the other leaders of SGA think about certain issues.

Angela is very laid back, but in a good way. She doesn't "sweat the small stuff." She has been involved in various clubs and organizations since high school, and she has been the president of far too many of them to list. Just in high school, she was the president of the National Honor Society at Coronado High School, was voted Miss Coronado High School, and she was involved with United Way.

Here at USM, she is in the Omicron Delta Kappa sorority. She is also a member of the Order Omega and the Golden Key Honor Society.

Angela is originally from Lubbock, Texas, and when asked how she wound up here in Hattiesburg, she explained that she was a McNair Scholar. While she was a little uneasy about moving at first, the more she was here the more she enjoyed it. She has now come to love this college town, even though

the pine belt is a lot different from the flat, dry, and treeless city of Lubbock.

Since she is the president of SGA, Angela gives a State of the University speech, handles much of the media for SGA, and calls special sessions for the student senate. It is also her job to keep the president of USM informed of current events. Most importantly, she decides whether to pass or veto bills that go through the student senate. The vice-president is in charge of the senate, so the two are constantly interacting on bills and what to do with them.

The most controversial bill that passed through the senate this year was inarguably the bill to put plaques in all the buildings on campus inscribed with the motto, "In God We Trust." Opponents of the bill argued that it was a violation of the separation of church and state. They also said that since USM is a public institution, the bill is an infringement on the freedom of religion of non-Christian students at the university. Those who supported the bill argued that it was not meant to be a religious motto, but rather a phrase to unite the student body in this time of crisis.

From the beginning, Angela knew this was going to be tough and was going to take a lot of thought. However, rather than try to divide the students, she tried to handle it as effectively as possible. She talked with Joe Paul, vice president of student affairs; Mike Mitchell; the senators; and several students to reach a decision. She listened attentively to all the arguments, and after much debate, the bill was passed. Since the majority of students supported it, she decided to sign it into effect.

According to Kay Wilbert, senator for Pan Hellenic, "She [Angela] handled it very

well. She said we should go ahead and resolve it so we could move on to more important issues."

The issues Angela feels most passionate about right now are campus safety, textbook reform, and larger attendance at campus activities. During Christmas break, she plans on brainstorming and using her past successes to try and figure out how to get more students to attend on-campus events such as basketball games, organization meetings, and forum events. She thinks more students should be involved and wants to make it easier for them to become involved, especially all of those students who live off campus. She says, "It just seems that when you move off campus, you only come back to campus to go to class, and then you just go back home. Publicity is very important so that you can let the students know what's going on."

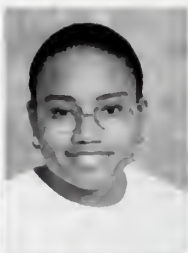
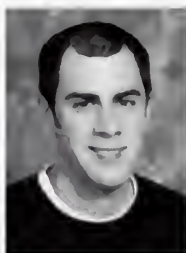
Angela's latest project is to get undergraduate students involved with the Undergraduate Research Initiative, a new magazine open to all students wishing to publish research they have performed while still in college.

So, does Angela have time for fun? Sometimes. She likes to go on road trips, to free her mind from the stresses of being president. Also, she really likes to shop.

Angela is very hospitable, and if you have a question for her or want to talk, she is always available. Whether she is trying to reform the transportation system or getting online teacher evaluations in place, she is always busy. However, she is never too busy to take time to listen to a student who has something to say. After all, that is what she is there for.



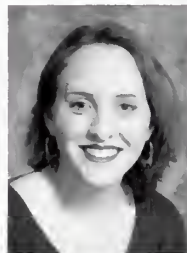
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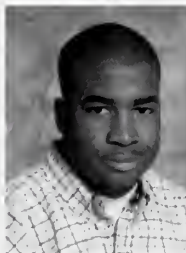
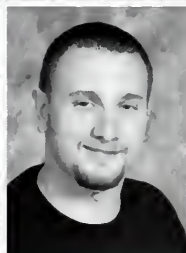
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Terry Anderson  
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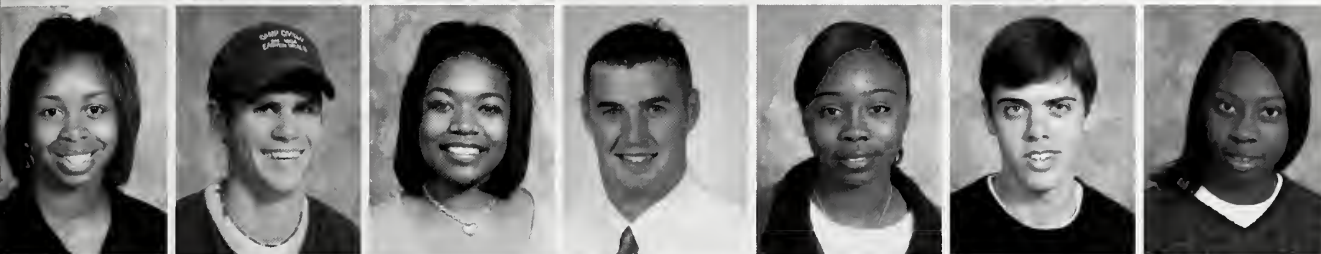




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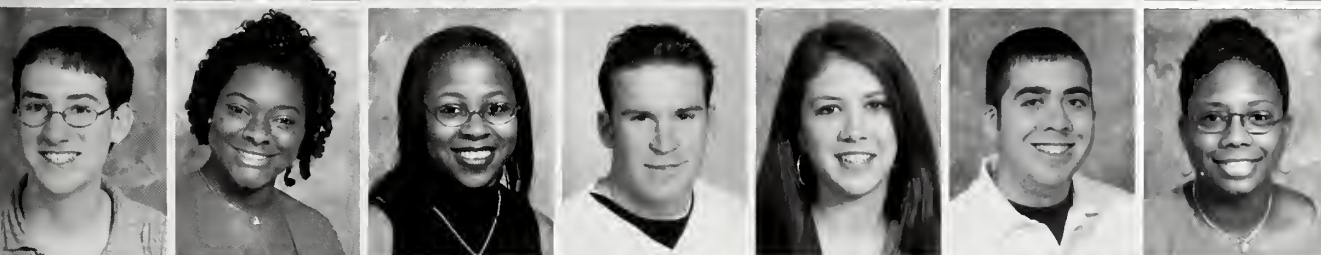
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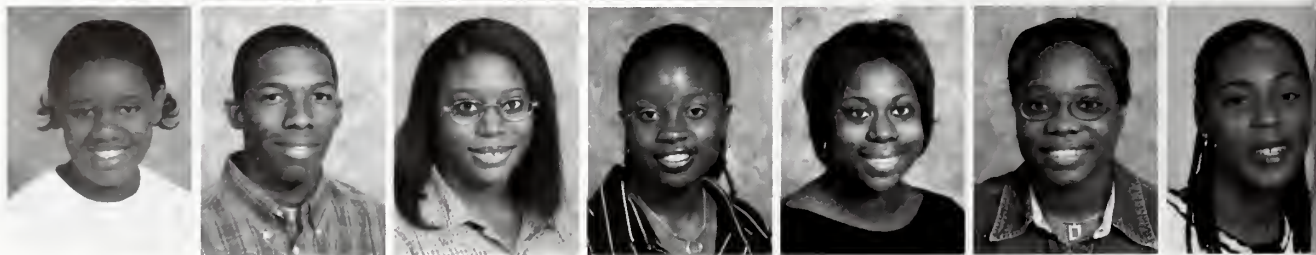
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Jessica Brown



Kellie Brown  
Leroy Brown  
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Orisha Brown  
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(Left) Art Students sit sketching on USM campus. (Right) Natalie Parker sits in Mississippi Hall drawing for relaxation after class.



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Nneka Burse  
Justin Burton  
Rebecca Burton  
Andrea Bush



Michelle Bustin  
Orlando Byford  
Bethany Cagle  
Mallery Callahan  
Shaunti Calloway  
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Amanda Campbell  
Lindsay Campbell  
Lindsay Canham  
Courtney Cantrelle  
Jeffrey Capps  
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Brandon Caraway  
Heather Carithers  
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Seymour sits to  
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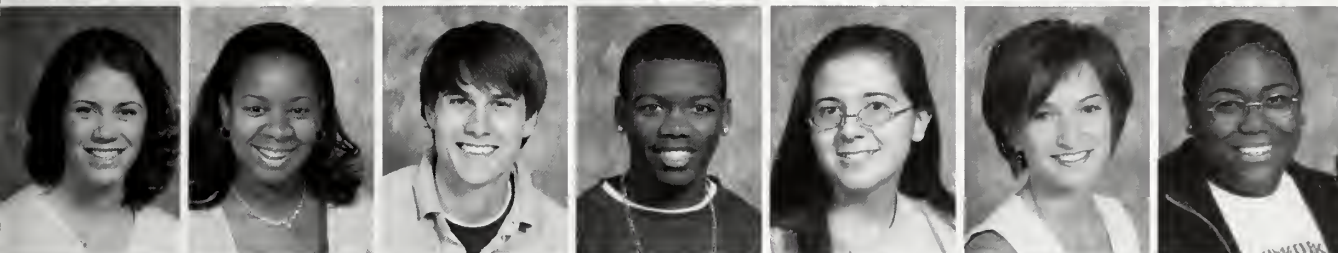




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Jessica Crosby  
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Jamie Cruise



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Jessica Crump  
Carlos Crusoe  
Carmen Cryer  
Seth Cumbie  
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Drake Cummings



Wakesha Curry  
Micky D'Angelo  
Anitnis Dampeer  
Tanisha Dancy  
Celynthia Dangerfield  
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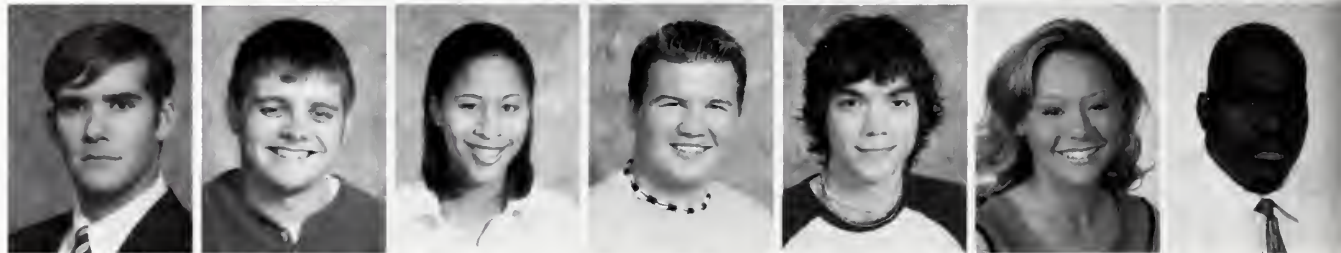
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Just dropping in.... at the USM Homecoming Game parachuter enters the field just before kick off.



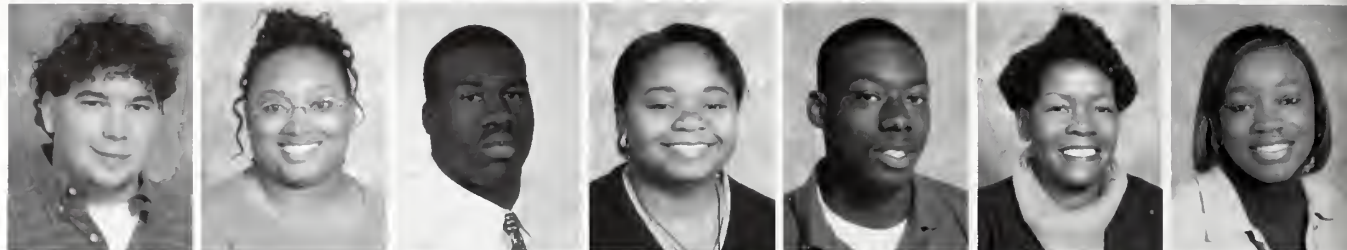
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Justin Elliot  
Claudia Ellis  
Justin Emil  
Maria Englert



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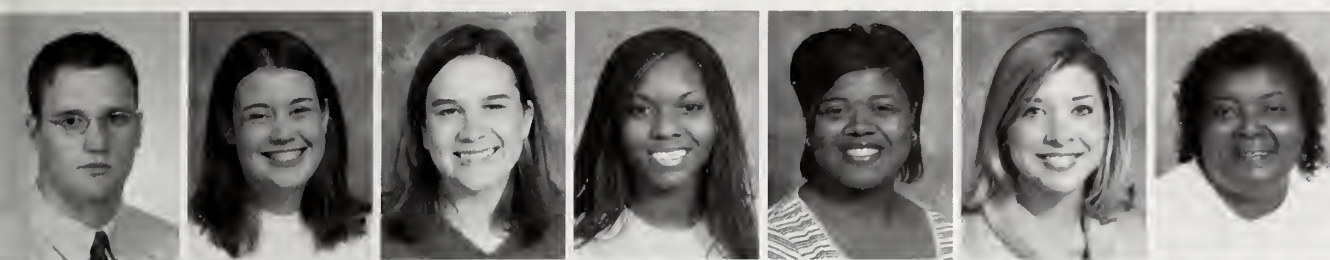
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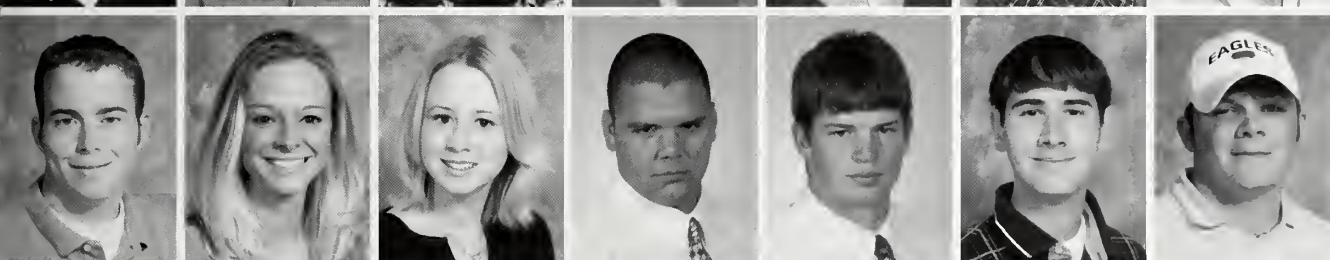
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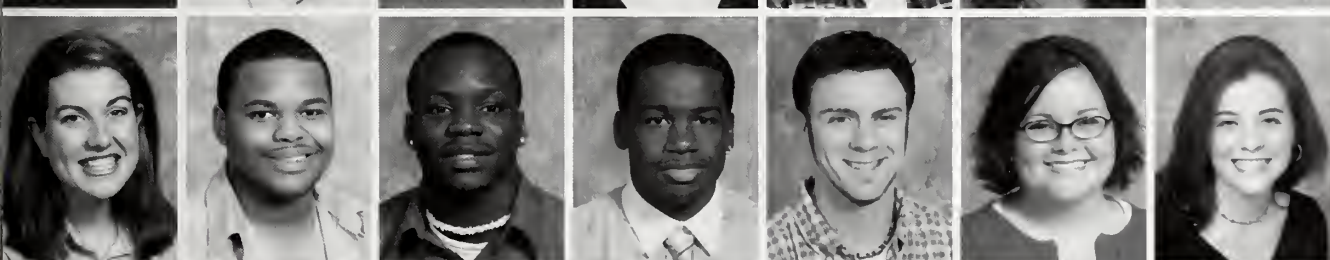
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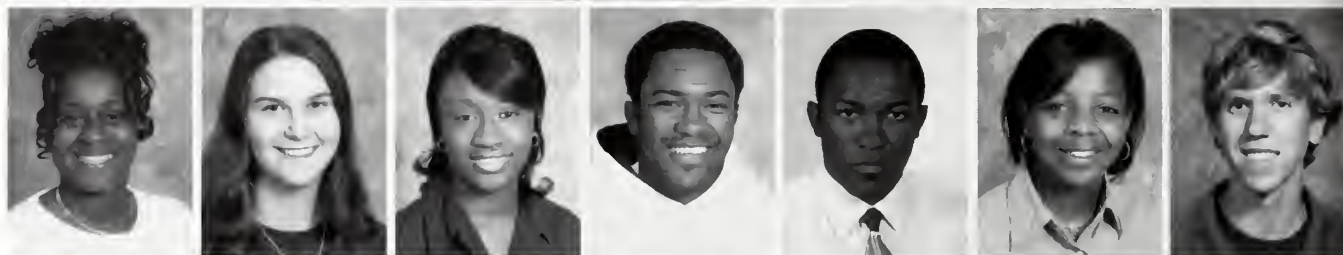
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Elizabeth Harris  
Jessica Harris  
Lasandra Harris  
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Tambra Harris







(Left) Joseph Brumeloe explains a music composition to Kyung Soon Chang. (Right) USM Student teacher Ted Hoffman, III directs bandstudents at South Jones High School.



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Yolanda Harris  
Lesley Harrison  
Melanie Harrison  
Rocky Harrison

Sara Anne Harrison  
Sharee Harrison  
Nicole Hartin  
Nicholas Harville  
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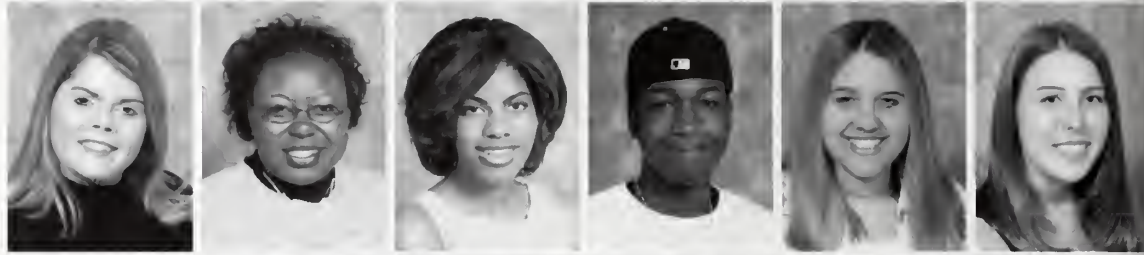
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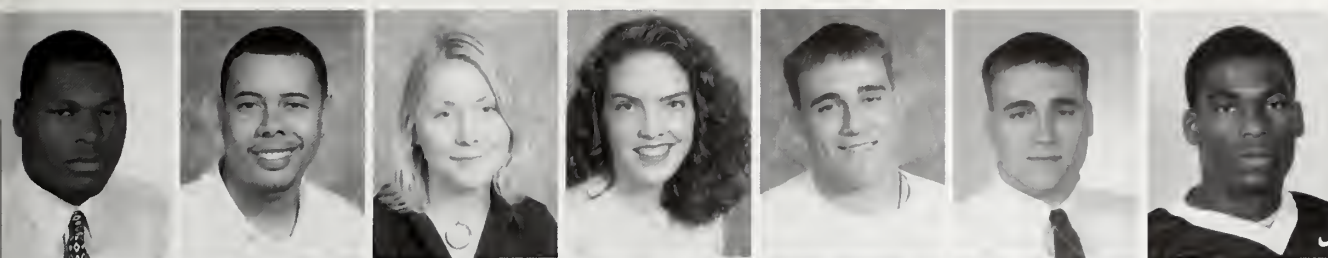
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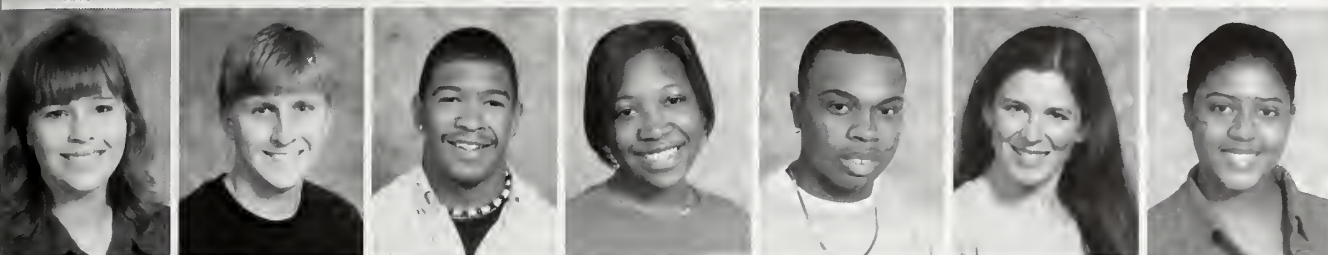
The color guard marches onto the field during the homecoming game. USM played Houston at the Rock for Homecoming 2001.







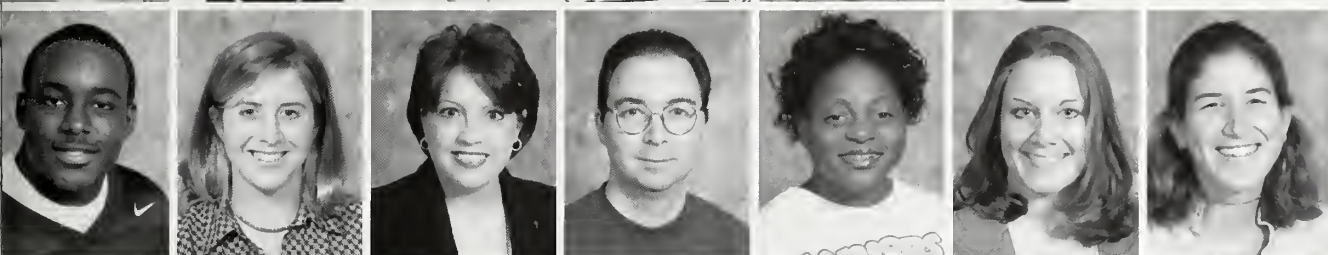
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Hannah Hinds  
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Daniel Hinton  
Kassie Hinton  
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Jonathan Holifield  
Lavonta Holland  
Tara Hollingsworth  
Christy Hollis



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Stephanie Holloway  
Veronica Holloway  
Adam Hollowell  
Tracy Holmes  
Tia Holt  
Daniel Homedes



Kathryn Hopkins  
Nikki Hopkins  
Kathryn Hoppe  
Corey Hosey  
Nathan Hosey  
Thomas Hosey  
Alfreda Hoskins



Kasey House  
Robert Houston, Jr.  
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Richmond Howle  
Lauren Hubal  
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Justin Ingram  
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Courtney Ivey  
Angel Jackson  
Rashaad Jackson  
Shannon Jackson



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Andy Jacobson  
Katy Jacobson  
Chastity James  
Greg James  
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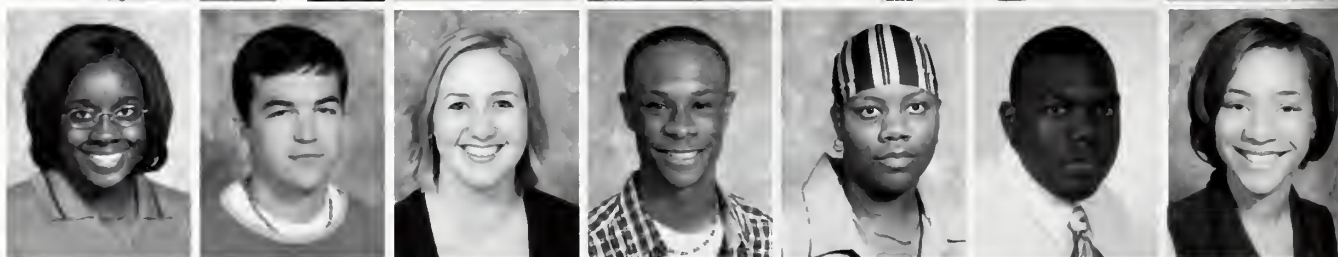
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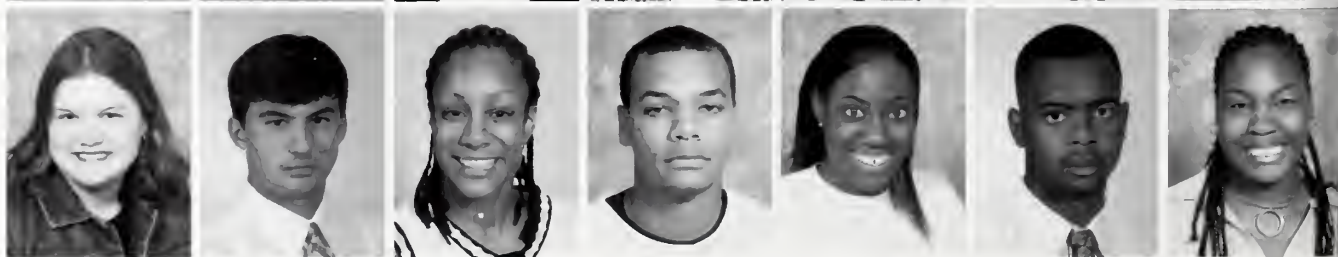
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Yolanda Jones  
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 Rhonda Jordan  
 Tamika Jordan  
 Dominic Kael



The University of Southern Mississippi's marching band, The Pride of Mississippi, marches down the homecoming parade route on Hardy Street before entering The Rock.



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Nancy Karrick  
Alexis Kaskan  
Jennifer Keefe  
Kyle Keeton  
Tara Kellar  
Jamie Keller



Lindsay Keller  
Vanessa Kelley  
Nicole Kellogg  
Carla Kelly  
Eric Kelly  
Jeff Kelly  
Katheryn Kelly



Lafayette Kelly  
Ryan Kelly  
Cassidy Kemp  
Felicia Kenerson  
Katy Kennedy  
Hannah Kerns  
Thomas Kershaw



Annette Kettley  
Kendrick Key  
Kareesa Keys  
Terri Kibodeaux  
Tirrica Kidd  
Rasheedah Killingsworth  
Keri Kilpatrick



Lasonya Kincaid  
Christin King  
Clint King  
Danny King  
Rachel King  
Todd King  
Tracy King



Crystal Kirk  
Shayla Kirksey  
Adam Knight  
B'lanca Knight  
Paula Knight  
Jo Knippers  
Christine Knudsen



Christina Koester  
Katherine Kramer  
Cherie Laban  
Bryce Labat  
Joshua Ladner  
Greg Lamm  
Stefani Lammons



Alicia Lane  
Lanora Lang  
Chris Langston  
Rhett Lankford  
Nicole Larson  
Tierra Lasiter  
Davia Lassiter







Jamara Laster  
Bennett Latasha  
Courtney Lawrence  
Daron Lawrence  
Jefferson Lawrence, Jr.  
Elizabeth Layton  
Brent Leach



Mary Allison Leach  
Marilyn Leddy  
Amber Lee  
Bo Lee  
Lamonica Lee  
Marlena Lee  
Portia Lee



Robert Lee  
Susan Lee  
Cenecia Leflore  
Adam Leggett  
Jason Leggett  
Jesse Leggett  
Eric Lenoir



Crystal Leonard  
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Kevin Lewis  
Krystal Lewis



Lana Lewis  
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Wallace Lewis  
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Jhoesel Liarena  
Kenneth Little  
Kimberly Lockett



Tesa Lockett  
Jared Loftus  
Aisha Logan  
Irma Logan  
Kelly Logan  
Sarah Logan  
Jeremy Long



Whitney Long  
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Michelle Losilla  
Kimberly Lott  
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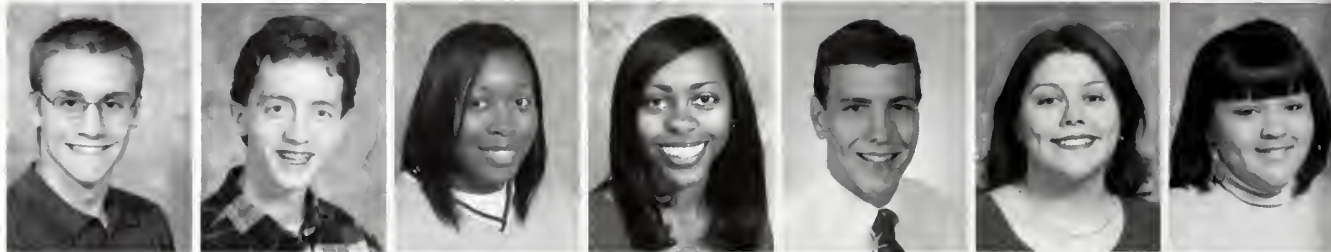
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Dustin McDaniel  
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Stacy Ready, an employee of the USM admissions office, shops at the Hub bookstore during her break. Many students, faculty and staff shop at the Hub bookstore for USM paraphernalia.



Nicole McDonald  
Virginia McElhane  
Jeremy McGee  
Kathryn McGee  
Michael McGehee  
Amber McLlwin

Rachel McLlwin  
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Kayla McLaurin  
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Chris McNair

Summer McNair  
Al McQuarters  
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C.J. Meaders  
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 Andy Middleton  
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Nick Miller  
 Robert Miller  
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 Zaneta Miller  
 Laquana Milsap  
 Elvin Mims



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 Suzuki Minoru  
 Bethany Mitchell  
 Lisa Mitchell  
 Justin Mixon  
 Eri Mizuno



Students pass the time between  
 classes for a game of pool with  
 friends in the Union.







Chris Moak  
Bettye Moffett  
Keshia Monroe  
Michael Montgomery  
Victoria Montgomery  
Tornia Moody  
Kimberly Moon

A. Dillion Moore III  
Brandi Moore  
Christopher Moore  
Julie Moore  
Kendria Moore  
London Moore  
Robert Moore

Terri King Moore  
Aimee Morgan  
Amie Morgan  
Bettye Morgan  
Jennifer Morgan  
Brett Morris  
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Roshunda Mounger  
Melissa Mowdy  
Sara Moxley  
Kate Mullis  
Jonathan Munger  
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Cristin Murphy

Misty Murray  
Kristen Murriel  
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Michelle Musso  
Latosha Myers  
Sonya Myers  
Mario Myles

Darral Nail  
William James Napier III  
Juanjo Nartin  
Christopher Nash  
Donna Necaise  
Alfred Nelson  
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Kelli Nelson  
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Jesse New  
Zach New  
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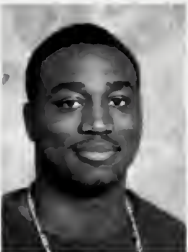
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David Oliver  
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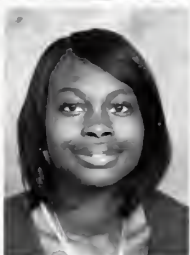
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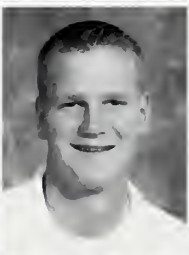
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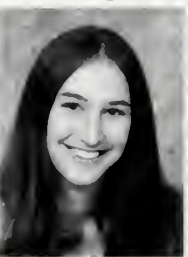
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Katie Pesses  
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Lorenzo Pointer  
Karensa Polk



USM freshmen Brooke Keel and Brittany Booth enjoy an afternoon break together at the Java Coast in the Hub. Many students go to the Java Coast in Seymours for a caffeine fix between classes



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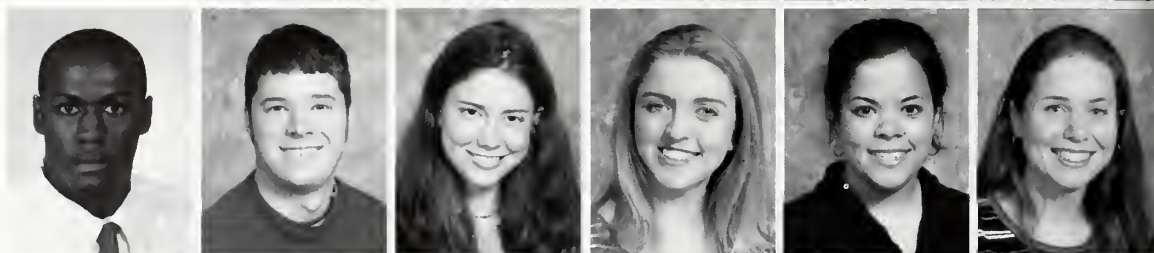
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Emily Purvis



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Dan Reber  
Kim Reeves  
Stuart Rhodes







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Justin Rischel



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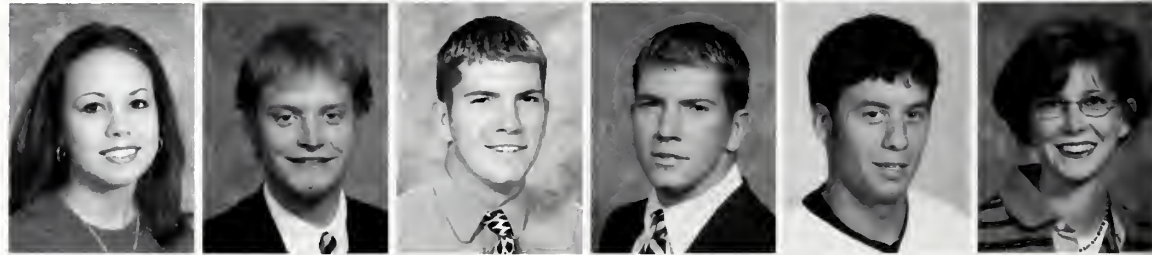
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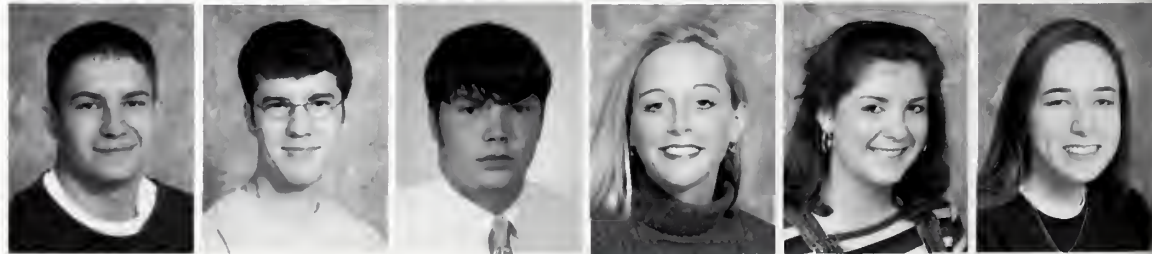
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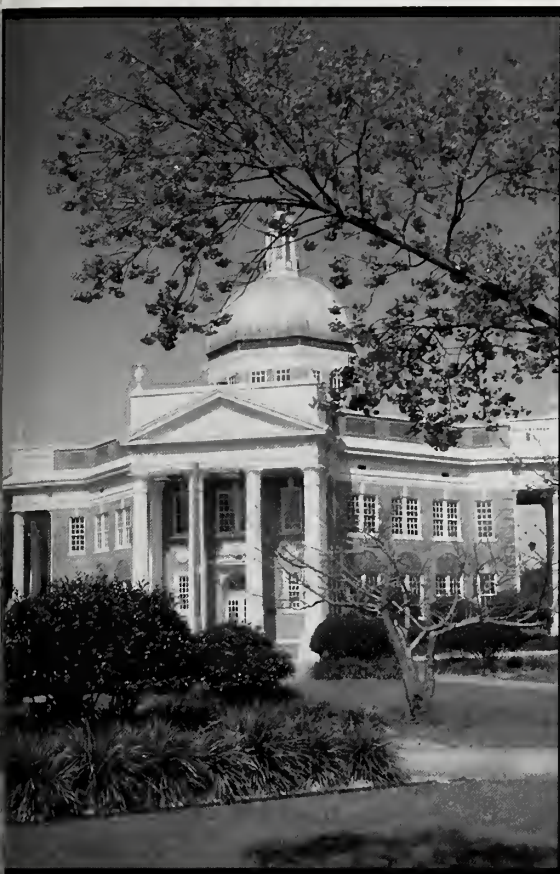
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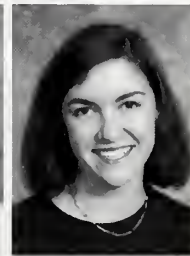
(Left) The Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building, built in 1929, was named after the current interim president. (Right) The water fountain in front of the Administration Building serves as the location for Friday Night at the Fountain pep rallies during football season.



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Elizabeth Slade  
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Shezwae Smith  
Tiffany Smith  
Ben Smithhart  
Ben Snow  
Anastasia Snowden  
Michael Soroka



Stephen Sparks  
Chris Speights  
Cheree Spell  
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Tayesha Spicer  
Sarah Spigener



Jacinta Spight  
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Thomas Springston  
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Shanel St. Arnavd  
Melissa Stamboulieh



Fans rally behind the USM baseball team while protesting the Institute of Higher Learning board's decision concerning former USM President Horace Fleming.







Leanne Stampley  
Jocelyn Stamps  
Shaylia Standberry  
Brandon Stanford  
Brock Stanley  
Lauri Starek



Alexis Starling  
Meredith Stegall  
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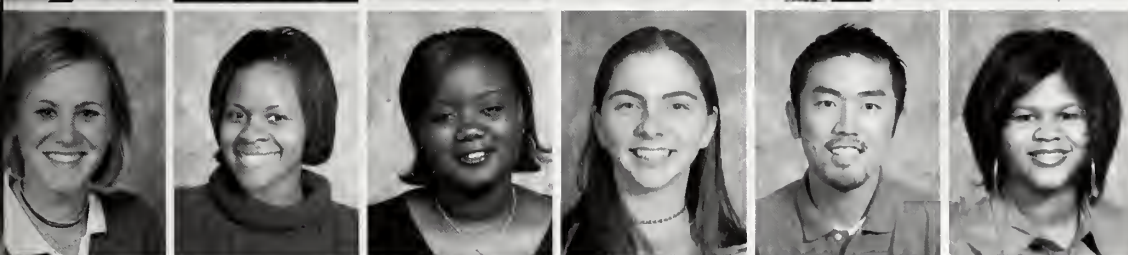
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Carsha Stromas  
Melissa Stuard



Floyd Stuart  
Kayla Stuart  
Carla Sudbeck  
Seth Sullivan  
Latasha Summerall  
Michael Sumrall



Celeste Sutherland  
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Rilecia Swayze  
Christina Sykes  
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Janet Talecia



Heidi Tanner  
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Cora Torrence



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Joe Trahan  
Diana Tran  
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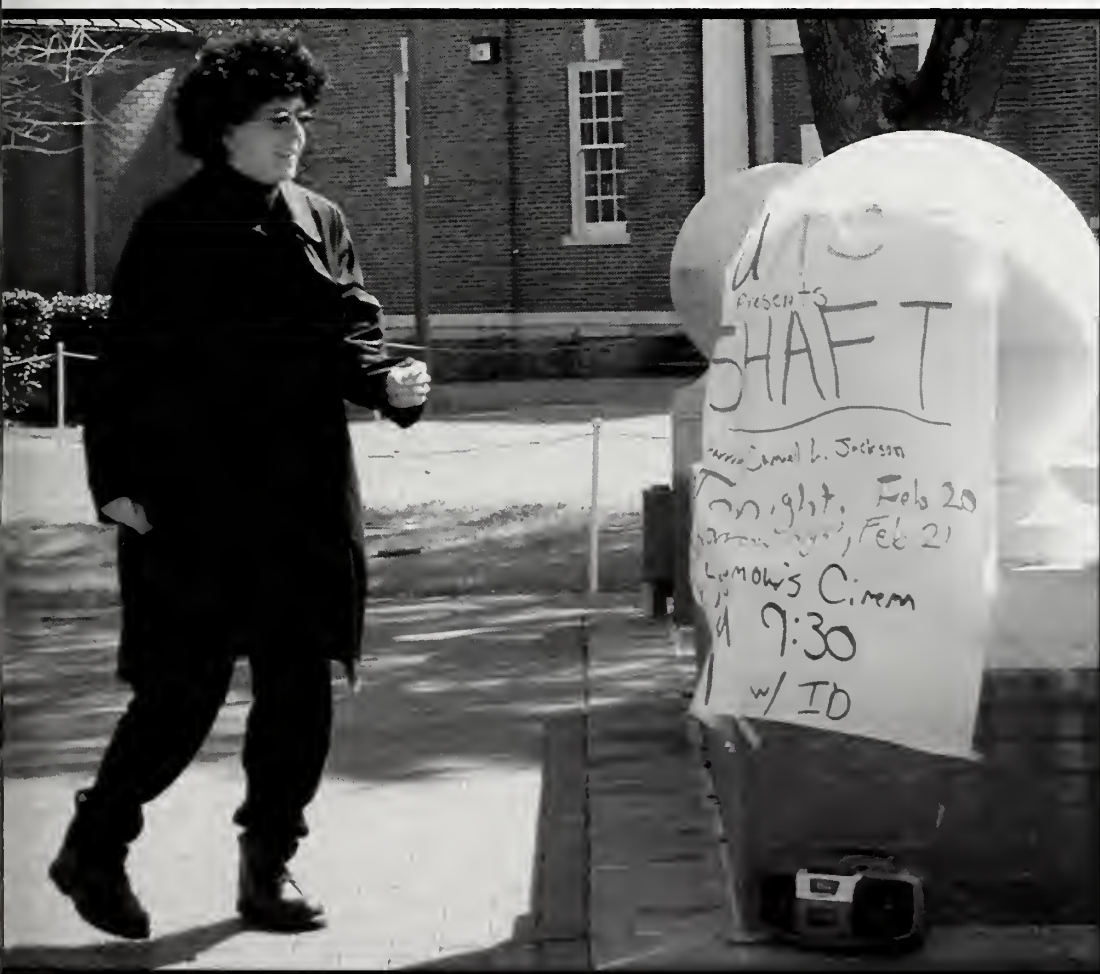


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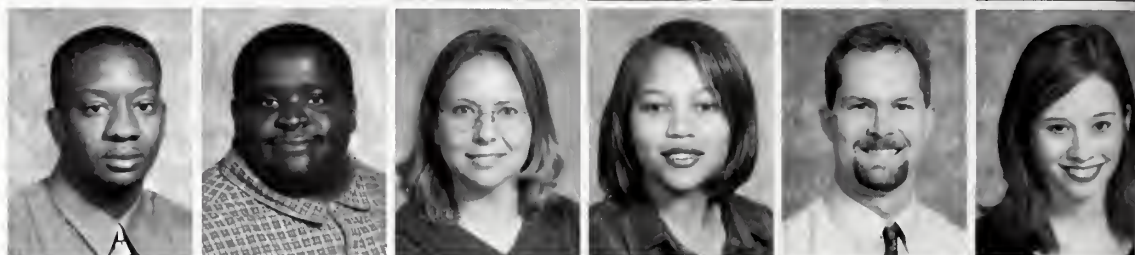
UAC member Eddie Beasley promotes the movie Shaft that played in the UAC cinema across Hardy Street during the spring semester.



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Dewayne Walker  
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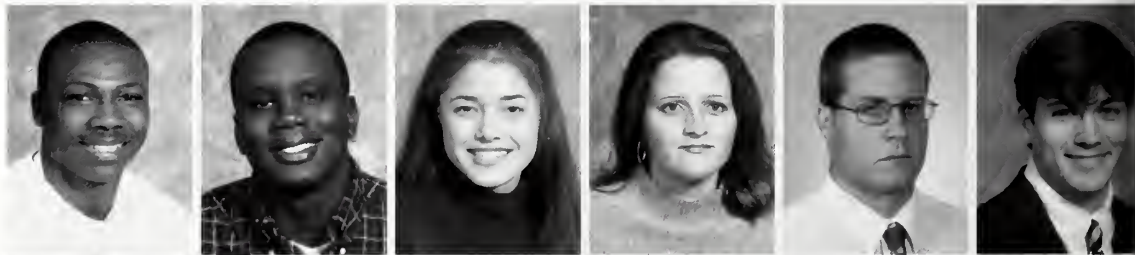
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Robert Weathersby  
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Cassidy Welch  
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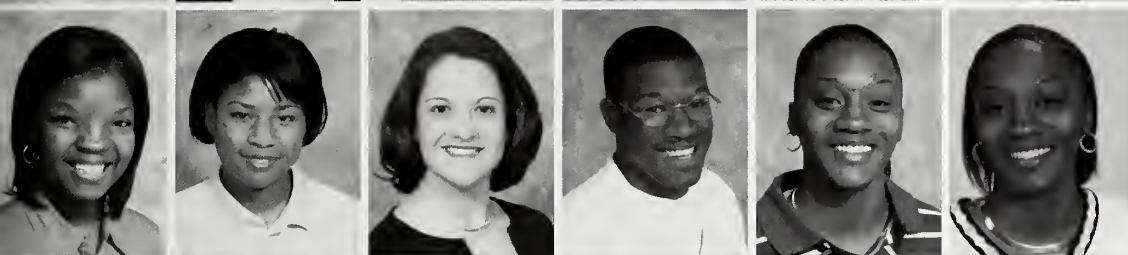




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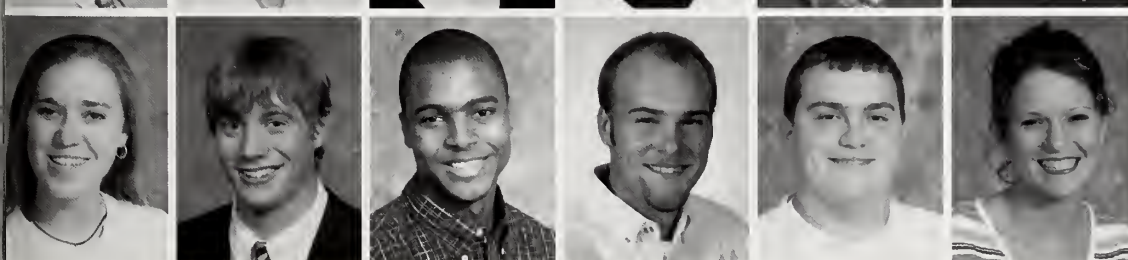
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Arthur Wimberly



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April Winburn  
Casey Wingrave  
Allen Winningham  
Prince Winston  
Tommy Winston



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Tim Yelverton  
Javar Young  
Lorenzo Young  
Marvin Young



Paula Young  
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Jessica Zamora  
Crystal Zane  
Bourne Zerby  
Michelle Zorn



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Christine Amrhein  
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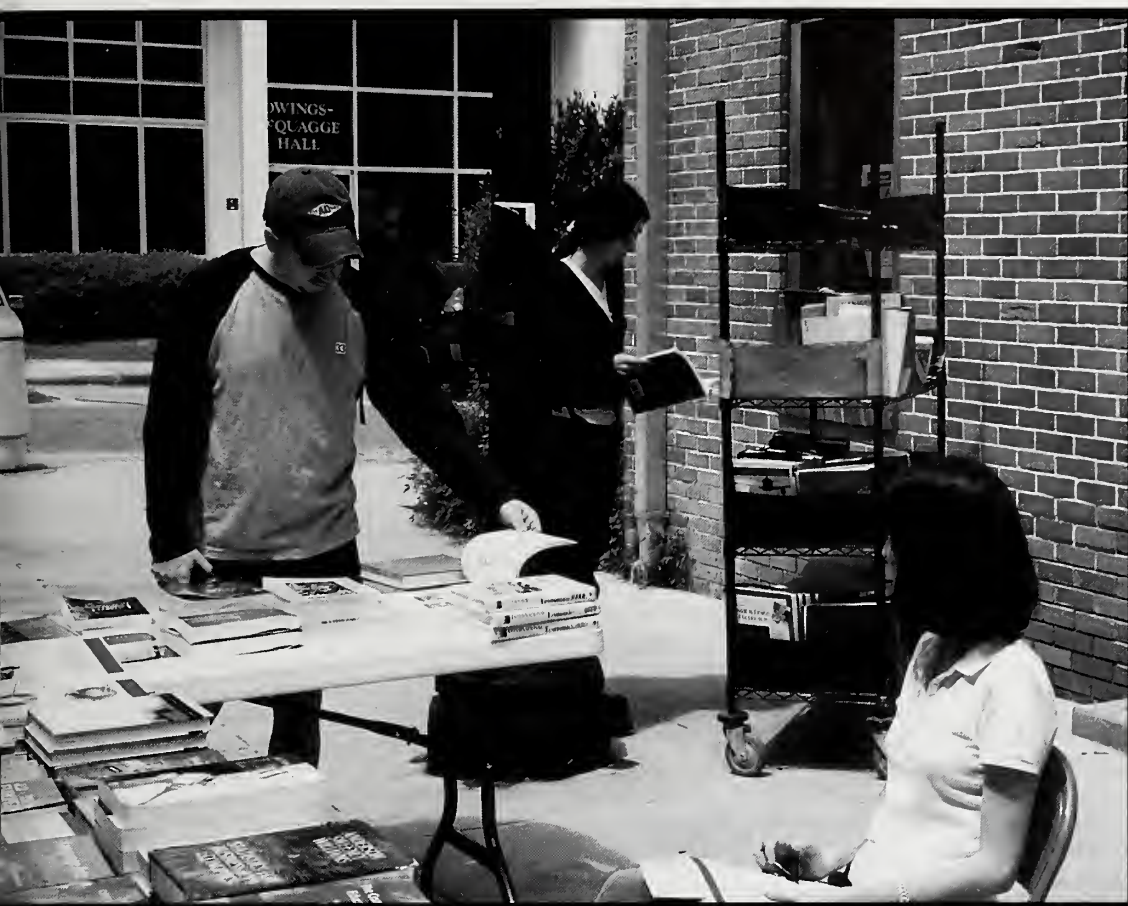
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Stephanie Lowery,  
Jacob Breland, Lila  
Warren looking for  
bargain deals at the  
campus books store.



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Amanda Chittovu  
Amy Clark  
Tiffany Clemmons



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Eric Collins  
Isaac Condif  
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Students gather in front of The Hub to discuss the events of the day. The Hub is a popular hangout for students during lunch time and the class break on Tuesday and Thursday.



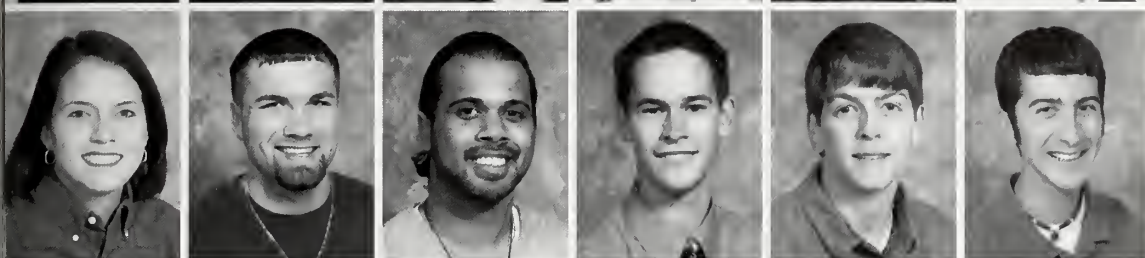




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The Hub has a constant flow of students throughout the weekdays. The Hub serves as a place for students to look up for housing, jobs and other cool deals on campus.



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Russel Mark  
Jesse Marsalis



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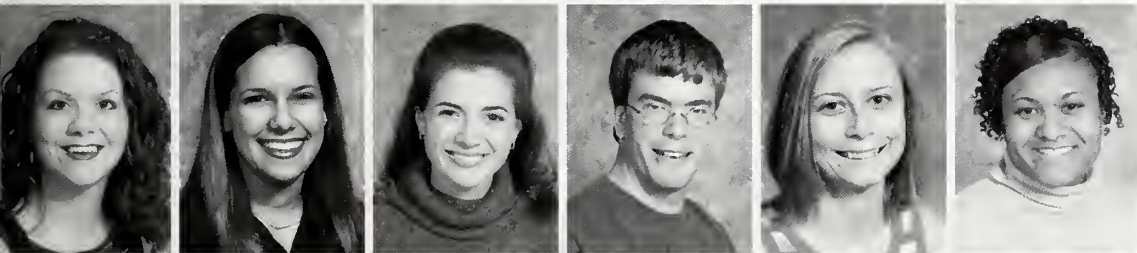
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Malana Richardson



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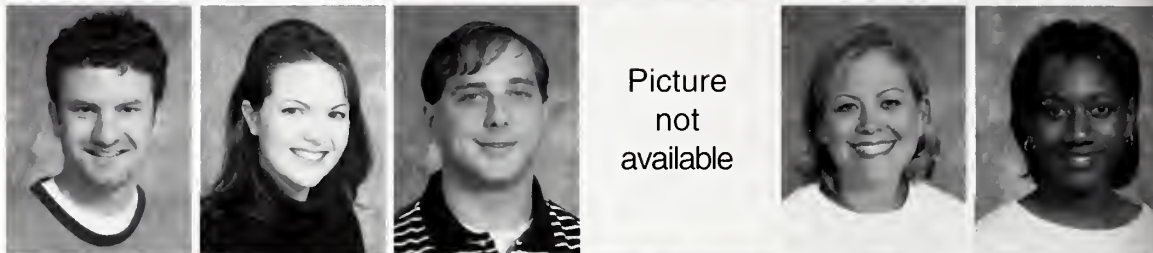
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Margo Green of Sigma Gamma Rho gives blood to the United Blood Services. Many students responded to the call for more blood donors after the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.



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Biology education majors Steven Griffin and Lakechia Grant eat lunch outside of the Union. Many students take lunch break in the areas that surround the Hub, Union, football stadium and library plaza.







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Students play a huge game of twister while an entertained crowd looks on at the RHA's fall fest. The RHA's annual fall fest allows students to take a break from rigorous courses and mingle with other USM students. Photo by Narasi Ramachandrian







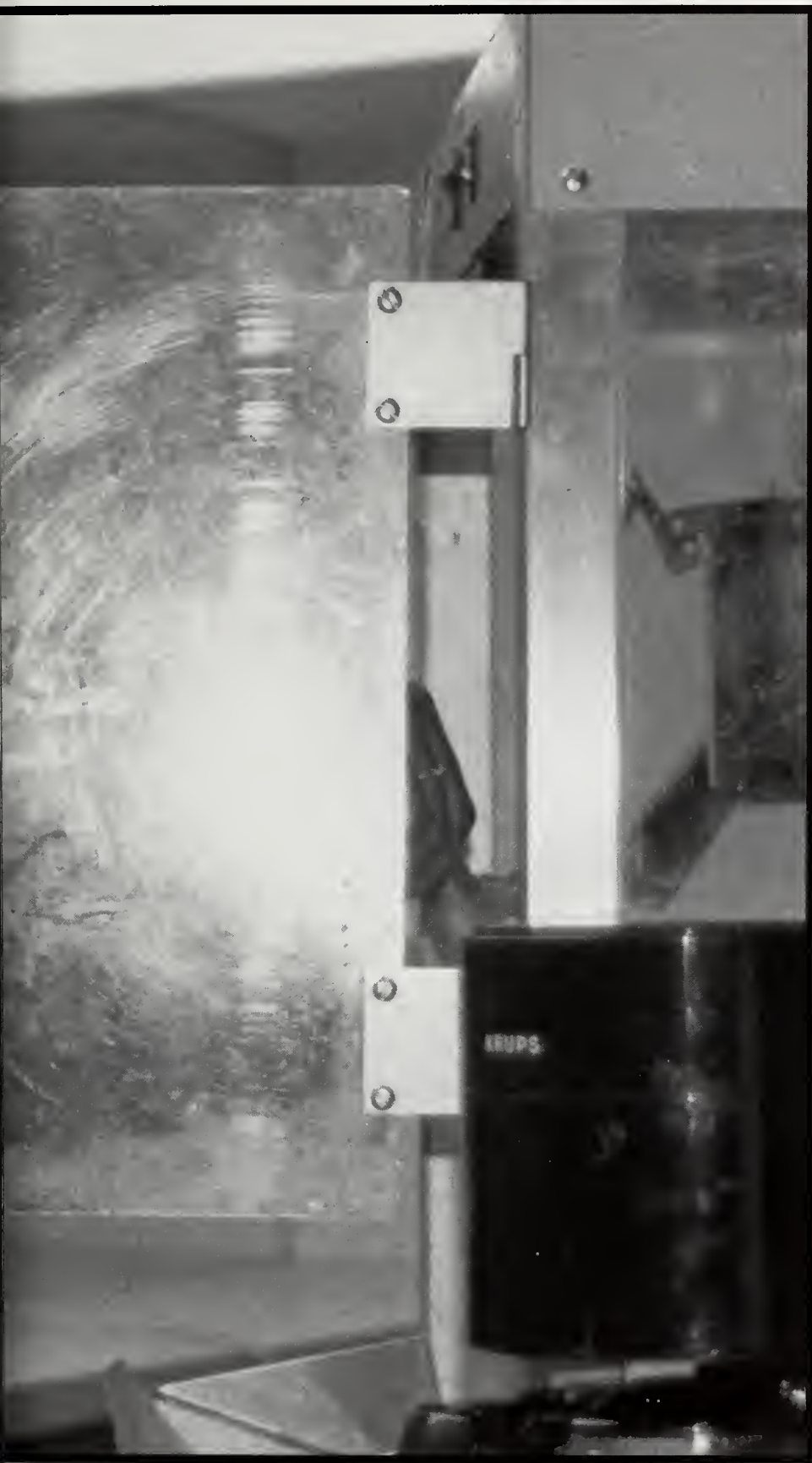


The Hub, in the heart of campus, has a constant flow of students throughout the weekdays. The Hub serves as a place for students to do business such as checking mail, catching up on the latest events in Hattiesburg, shopping, meeting friends or eating at Seymours. Photo by Tina Patel









Kizzie Kemp, a sophomore elementary education major gets popcorn ready at UAC's cinema. The cinema, located across Hardy Street, is a hot spot for students to unwind after classes. Photo by Sara Moxley



# SPEAKERS



Chris Mc Gee



Burnell Wesco



Adeena Green



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Kimberly Robinson





# March on Kennard-Washington

By Danielle Prejean

USM's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sponsored the 3rd annual March on Kennard-Washington on February 20, 2002, in celebration of African-American History Month.

"The march allows people to stop and think about what our forefathers went through," said Akim Ceaser, NAACP president. "It makes me feel that I have a small part in history."

This event is meant to symbolize the famous March on Washington held in 1963. The March on Washington included many different racial groups besides African-Americans. Ceaser wants different cultures to be involved in the March on Kennard-Washington as well. She sent letters to all of the student organizations on campus asking for their participation.

"By no means do we want to isolate people and make them feel unwelcome," Ceaser said. Many other organizations participated in the event including the African-

American Student Organization and several African-American fraternities and sororities.

The march began at Shoemaker Square in front of the Union and ended on the front lawn of the Kennard-Washington building. As the crowd walked, they sang "We Shall Overcome," a famous song from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

After the crowd reached the Kennard-Washington building, Kim Robinson gave a speech on why people need to be unified. Then, Burnell Wesco and Chris Magee paid tribute to the two men for which the building was named.

Clyde Kennard was the first African-American to apply to USM. Dr. Walter Washington was the first African-American to earn a doctorate degree from USM. Washington was later named one of Ebony's 100 Most Influential African-Americans. These two men were influential in making USM as it is known today.

A cosponsor of the March

on Kennard-Washington was the African-American History Month committee. They sponsored an essay contest with the theme "African-American History, American History: One Nation Under God," and the winners were announced at this event.

Betty Moffett was awarded third place and \$50, RicEsha Clark was awarded second place and \$75, and Tiffany Simpson was awarded first place and \$125. Simpson read her essay at the march.

The purpose of the essay contest is to get more students involved with African-American History Month as well as the March on Kennard-Washington and to give them the opportunity to speak at the event.

Other events for the African-American History Month included lectures titled "Surviving Graduate School: Building a Force Around You," sponsored by the Black Graduate Student Organization and "Blacks in the Military: Past, Present and Future," sponsored by Omega Psi Phi.







John Jenkins, a student campus security officer, takes instructions from Alex Myers, a professional campus security officer outside of Pulley Hall. (left)

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Cars entering USM after hours are greeted by campus security to ensure the safety of students. (right)



Campus security officer D.J. Sing discusses dorm policies with Jessica Crump, a desk assistant at Wilber Hall. (left)



# People of the night PROWLING THE CAMPUS

By Amanda Gilbert

The Campus Security at the University Police Department works from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. every night 365 days a year. Campus Security is committed to supporting the mission of the University of Southern Mississippi and the principle of campus community with professional, effective, cooperative and continually improving services, which contribute to a safer environment for the students. They have a commitment to provide service to the campus community and the protection of life and property while walking around the campus in the middle of the night.

"This is a job that has great responsibility and everyone here has a professional dedication to service," said Cecil Marshall, supervisor of the campus security officers. Marshall, a retired Army 1st sergeant E-8, is the head of the 8 member division that spreads out across the residence hall

areas on campus and provides enforcement of laws and regulations.

"I see them all the time," said Mindy Phillips, senior nutrition major. "The campus security officers are extremely helpful whenever I talk to them."

In addition to Marshall, the division also includes Mary Virgil, who is in her 23rd year working for USM. Other employees are Rosemary Myers, Teddy Reed, Joe Magee, Lue Roberson, Ethel Woods and Alex Myers. This year, because of the small number of employees in the division, the police department agreed to allow students to be campus security officers (CSO).

"The students help us cover more ground," said Marshall. "They only work 20 hours a week, but it is during our busiest time: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m."

"I like to come to work," said Robby McCain, a student CSO. "I feel like I make a small difference just being

out there."

It is normal for a CSO to be out the same hours night after night. The students do notice this, and some even grow attached to them.

"Ms. Lue is in Elam Arms five nights a week," said John Read, a polymer science major. "If I don't see her I want to know where she is because I know she's looking out for me when she's here."

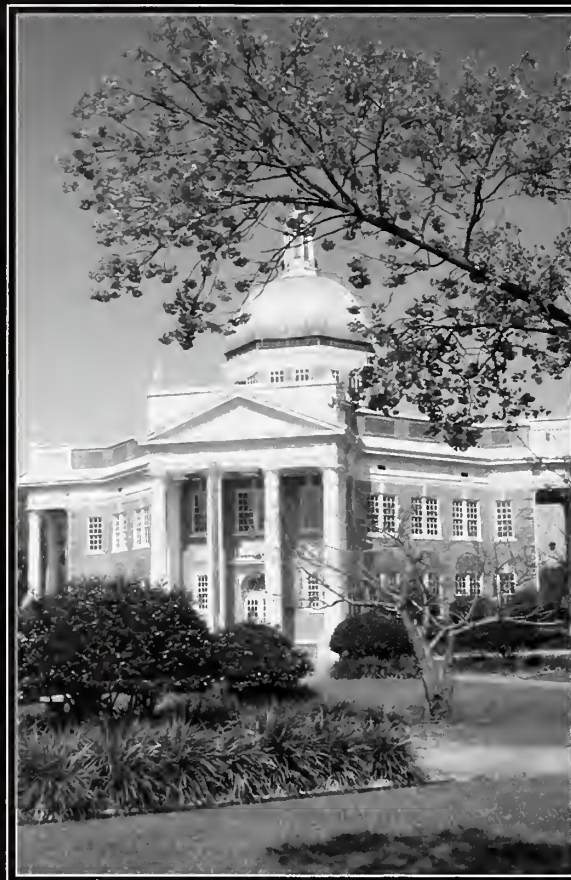
The CSOs not only patrol the residence areas but also lock up all of the educational buildings at night. They do this to relieve the burden from the police officers, which are usually very busy when the CSOs arrive for duty. The Campus Security Division is a service-oriented organization that promotes safety, security, education and personal responsibility. The Campus Security Office is located on the first floor of Panhellenic in room 123.



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*There's no such thing as weeping,  
Though we are condemned to part;  
There's such a thing as keeping  
A remembrance in one's heart:*

*There's such a thing as dwelling  
On the thought ourselves have nursed,  
And with scorn and courage telling  
The world to do it's worst.*

*We'll not let it's follies grieve us,  
We'll just take them as they come;  
And then every day will leave us  
A merry laugh for home.*

*When we've left each friend and brother  
When we're parted, wide and far,  
We will think of one another,  
As even better that we are.*

*Every glorious sight above us,  
Every pleasant sight beneath,  
We'll connect with those that love us,  
Whom we truly love till death!*

*In the evening, when we're sitting  
By the fire, perchance alone,  
Then shall the heart with warm heart meeting,  
Give responsible, tone for tone.*

*We can burst the bonds which chain us,  
Which cold human hands have wrought,  
And where none shall dare restrain us  
We can meet again, in thought.*

*So, there's no use in weeping,  
Bear a cheerful spirit still:  
Never doubt that Fate is keeping  
Future good for present ill!*

*- Charlotte Bronte, 1838*





Photo by Elizabeth Glade



# Spirit

## *The perks of living in the south*

By Elizabeth Slade

Being Southern means you love grits, hushpuppies and fried catfish. You get a lump in your throat when you hear "Dixie," and you know a whole bunch of "good old boys."

A true Southerner will, on most occasions, brighten the room with a warm smile and a friendly "hello" to strangers and friends alike. A Southerner manifests a genuine concern for others and will go to far lengths to provide true "southern hospitality."

When I talked to Chris Miller, I felt this sincerity. When going on first appearance, one would not guess that Miller was really from the South. He had no accent, and his attire had the look of an Abercrombie and Fitch model. The one thing that gave him away was his love for crawfish and, of course, his genuine spirit. After speaking with Miller, I found that there is more southern culture in him than meets the eye.

Chris Miller, a 22-year-old biology major from Birmingham, Alabama, carries many characteristics of a true Southerner. He was born and raised in Birmingham, and he has a passion for a good home-cooked Southern meal.

From crawfish to grits, Miller loves all Southern foods. He even shares his culture with his friends from foreign countries. "The last time I ate with my friends from Jamaica, I made them eat chicken and dumplings," Miller said.

Although Miller enjoys all the aspects of being from the South, he claims to not be a traditional Southerner. "Accent is the key," Miller said. "I'm missing out on that." However, Miller's father, who is also from Alabama, does have a Southern accent. Miller also says he is not a big country music fan nor is he into hunting like most Southern people. "But I do love fishing," Miller said. "I'm a gigantic college football fan, too."

One thing Miller loves about the South is the diversity. He says that when going from Alabama to Mississippi to Louisiana, he realized that the South is a really diverse place. "The people are different, but they all have cool aspects," Miller said. "Mississippi has the blues. Louisiana has jazz. Food, music and people is really all you need for good culture."

Miller spends a lot of time in these three Southern states. He is from Alabama, goes to school in Mississippi, and attends "Cuzz Fest"

in Louisiana. Among the many Southern traditions of the Miller family, "Cuzz Fest" is by far the biggest. The tradition began one year when Miller and some of his cousins went to the Jazz and Heritage Music Festival in New

Orleans, La. After having such a good time together, they decided to make it a yearly tradition. Eight or more of Miller's cousins ranging from ages 20 to mid-30s from the East Coast to the West Coast meet in Louisiana once a year for "Cuzz Fest." The weekend is filled with Southern traditions, and, on a designated day, the family wears matching t-shirts with Louisiana culture themes, such as Tobasco sauce bottles, printed on them.

This past "Cuzz Fest," they went to an Afroman concert in Baton Rouge, La., on the first night. The second day, they went to the French Quarter in New Orleans all day. On the last day, they went to a crawfish boil on a double decker boat in the bayou. After the crawfish boil, they went to a Better Than Ezra concert where Miller got to play the guitar on stage with the band. "It was the best 'Cuzz Fest' so far," said Miller.

As far as other family traditions go, Miller's Christmas and Thanksgiving are spent in Birmingham with his parents and his brother. The entire family gets together again in Claiborne Parish in Louisiana for a huge 4th of July celebration.

Miller said that when he was younger, he wanted to get away from home, just like most young people. After four years of college, Miller will soon be attending veterinarian school at Auburn. Now that he is older, he says that he could most definitely see Birmingham as his home in the future.

"I'm proud of my Southern heritage," Miller said. "The culture is rich, the food is good, and the people are so nice."

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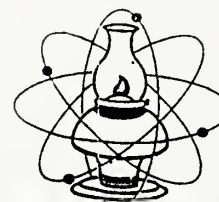
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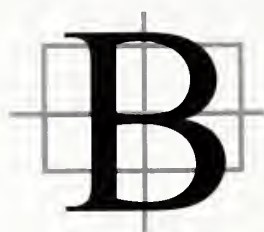
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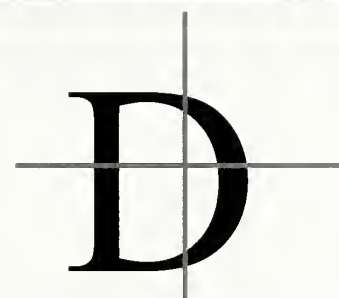
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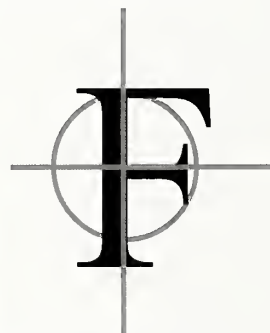


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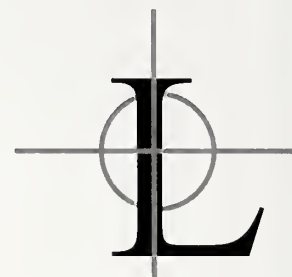
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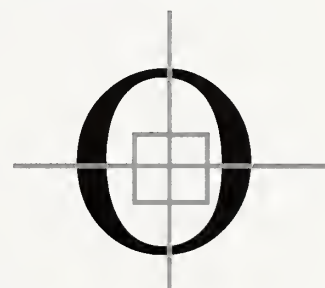
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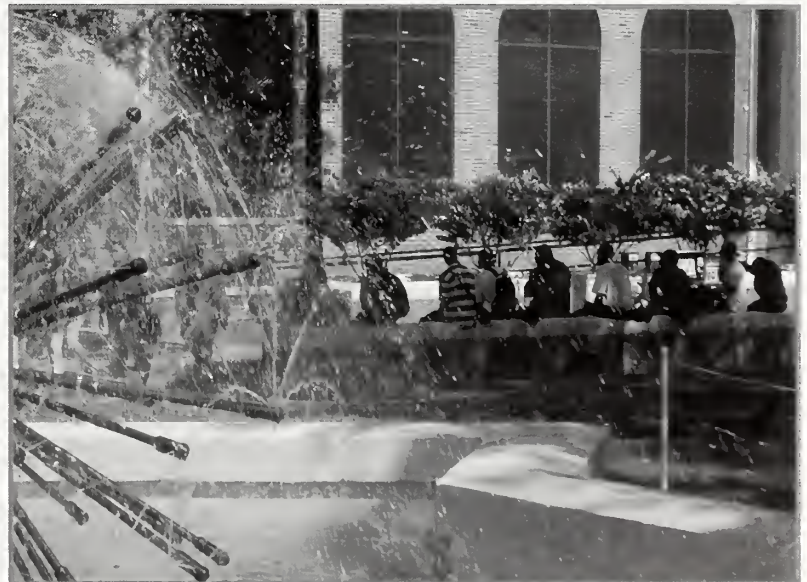
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# Year In REVIEW

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**1** A candlelight vigil was held on the Promenade in the Brooklyn borough of New York, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001. People prayed and sang against a skyline which has long been dominated by the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

**2** Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt lower the U.S. flag, Wednesday, September 19, 2001, off the coast of Norfolk, Va. The carrier began air operations within hours of leaving the port and heading into the Atlantic Ocean. Navy officials declined to say whether the attacks had changed the battle groups destination.



**3** Fire and smoke billows from the North Tower of New York's World Trade Center Tuesday September 11, 2001. Mounting an audacious attack against the United States, terrorist crashed two hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center and brought down the twin 110-story towers.

**4** People are shown leaving the area near the World Trade Center in New York Tuesday Sept. 11, 2001. In one of the most horrifying attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in a deadly series of blows Tuesday that brought down the twin 110-story towers.

**5** President Bush examines The devastation at the Pentagon in Washington, Wednesday, September 12, 2001. Accompanied by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, left, Bush thanked rescue workers for their efforts as he stood in front of the damage created by the highjacked airliner that slammed into the building on Tuesday.





**1** This is an undated photo of Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden, in Afghanistan, wanted by the United States government on account of the 1998 bombing of two U. S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Bin Laden is hiding out in Afghanistan as guest of its Islamic rulers, the Taliban. Afghanistan's hardline Taliban rulers condemned the devastating terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 and rejected suggestions that Osama bin Laden could be behind them.

**2** As rescue efforts continue in the rubble of the World Trade Center, President Bush puts his arms around firefighter Bob Beckwith while standing in front of the World Trade Center debris during a tour of the devastation, Friday, September 14, 2001. Bush is standing on a burned fire truck. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said 4,763 people have been reported missing in the devastation of the World Trade Center.

**3** Two beams of light light up the sky above Manhattan from near the site of the World Trade Center towers in New York Monday, March 11, 2002. The two light beams are a temporary memorial that will light up every evening till April 13. The Empire State Building is at left and the Statue of Liberty can be seen at right foreground.



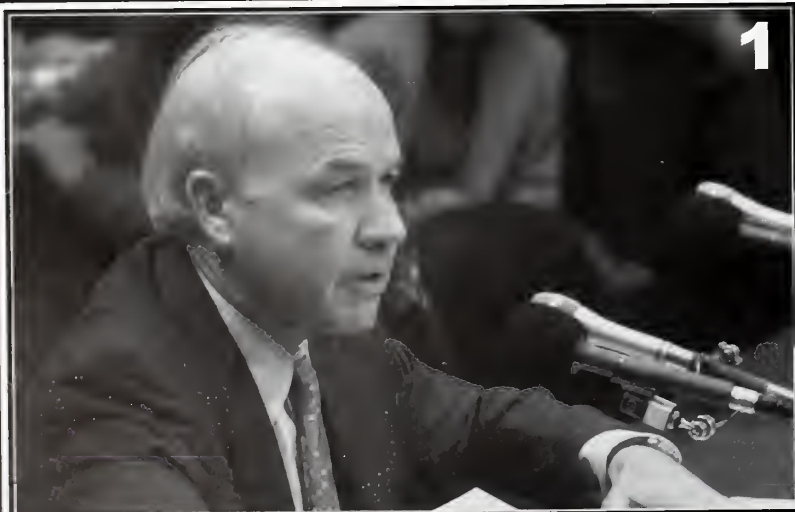
**4** A flower and a photo of slain American journalist Daniel Pearl is placed at the front door of Stanford University Memorial Chapel during a memorial service for Pearl on the Stanford, Calif., campus, Monday, Feb. 25, 2002. Pearl was a student at Stanford in the mid-1980s. President Bush said the United States is "interested in dealing with" the Islamic extremist implicated in the slaying of Pearl, but expressed confidence Monday that Pakistan is doing enough to round up Pearl's killers.

**5** Former Taliban fighters sit inside a cell at a jail complex in Shebargan, northern Afghanistan, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, after they surrendered to the northern alliance following their defeat in Kunduz, northern Afghanistan. One-third of them are suspected to be members of al-Qaida.













**1** Former Enron CEO Kenneth Lay reads a brief statement before he asserted his Fifth Amendment right and refused to testify before Congress Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, in Washington.

**2** The American medalists, gold medalist Ross Powers, center, flanked by silver medalist Danny Kass, left, and bronze medalist J.J. Thomas, right, in men's halfpipe snowboarding rejoice on stage after receiving their medals at Medals Plaza in downtown Salt Lake City, Monday, Feb. 11, 2002.



**3** Christina Aguilera, left, Mya, second left, Pink, second right, and L'il Kim perform "Lady Marmalade" during the 44th annual Grammy Awards, Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Los Angeles.

**4** Destiny's Child, from left, Kelly Rowland, Beyonce Knowles and Michelle Williams, hold up the two American Music Awards they won for favorite soul/R&B band and favorite pop/rock album at the 29th American Music Awards in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002.

**5** Jennifer Aniston arrives with husband Brad Pitt at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif., Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002. Aniston is nominated for best supporting actress in a mini-series or motion picture made for television for her role in Friends.



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Former Beatle George Harrison arrives at the High Court in London Wednesday May 6, 1998 to give evidence in a court action to recover an amateur recording made of the Beatles in Hamburg, Germany, in 1962. Harrison died Thursday at a friend's Los Angeles home following a battle with cancer, longtime friend Gavin De Becker told The Associated Press. Harrison's wife, Olivia Harrison, and son, Dhani, 23, were with him.



1-Bono, lead singer of the band U2, performs during halftime of Super Bowl XXXVI at the Louisiana Superdome, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, in New Orleans.



2-Britney Spears performs with snake during the finale of the 2001 MTV Video Music Awards Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at New York's Metropolitan Opera House.



3-Alicia Keys holds up the five Grammys she won at the Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Los Angeles. Keys' song "Fallin'" won song of the year, and she was named best new artist. She also won three awards in rhythm 'n' blues categories, tying Lauryn Hill's 1999 record of five awards.



5-Miami's Andre Johnson kisses the Sears Trophy as teammates quarterback Ken Dorsey, right, Daryl Jones, left, and Carl Walker look on after the Hurricanes defeated Nebraska 37-14 in the 88th Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002



6-Actress Halle Berry reacts as she holds the award she won for outstanding performance by a female actor in a leading role for her work in the film, "Monster's Ball," at the 8th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards Sunday, March 10, 2002, in Los Angeles.



7-New England Patriots' kicker Adam Vinatieri celebrates his 48-yard game-winning field goal in the final seconds of Super Bowl XXXVI against the St. Louis Rams Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002 in New Orleans. At left is teammate Ken Walters.



8-Members of the group OutKast, Andre 3000, left, Big Boi, arrive at the 44th annual Grammy Awards, Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Los Angeles.



9-Venus Williams right, and her sister, Serena, pose with their trophies after their U.S. Open womens singles final in New York Saturday Sept. 8, 2001. Venus defeated Serena 6-2, 6-4.



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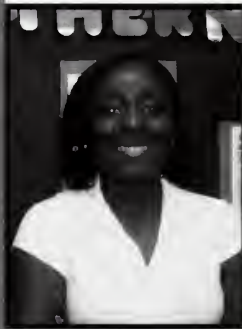


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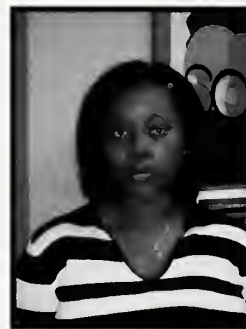


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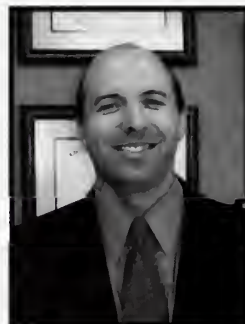


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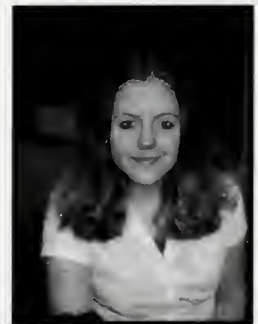
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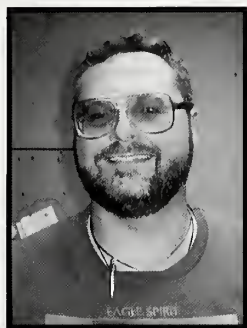


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